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*A true copy from the records.*

*Attest,      LEMUEL HEALY,*

*Town Clerk.*





# TOWN RECORDS

OF

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DUDLEY, MASSACHUSETTS,

1732-1754.

*and 1754-1794- 2d part*

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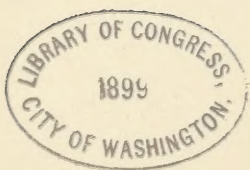
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THE ADAM SUTCLIFFE CO.,

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The Gift of Paul Dudley Esq<sup>r</sup> to  
the town of Dudley  
Roxbury the 17<sup>th</sup> of Novem<sup>r</sup> 1732.

Dudley was incorporated June 1<sup>st</sup> 1732.

The Congregational Church was formed 1732.

M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Richardson was called to the Ministry 1732, but was not ordained.

Rev<sup>d</sup> Pearly Howe was ordained 1735.

Congregational Meeting House erected 1734.

The first school in Dudley kept 1739.

Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Howe was dismissed 1743.

Rev<sup>d</sup> Charles Gleason ordained Oct<sup>r</sup> 1744.

Rev<sup>d</sup> Charles Gleason died May 1790.

Rev<sup>d</sup> Joshua Johnson installed 1790. P<sup>r</sup> J. Johnson.

Rev. Joshua Johnson dismissed 1796.

Rev. Abiel Williams Ordained June 12, 1799. P<sup>r</sup> A. Williams.

Rev. Abiel Williams dismissed March 16, 1831.

Rev. James H. Francis Ordained August 24, 1831. P<sup>r</sup> J. H. Francis.



## Dudley Town Records.

An act for making a new Town in the Countey of Worces-  
ter called by the name of Dudly.

Whearas there are many Inhabetance already settled on a  
Tract of Land lying between the Towns of Woodstock and  
Oxford in the County of Worcester who together with others  
on the southwest part of Oxford and very remot from any  
Place of the Publick worship of God are very conveni-  
ently Scituated for a Township and have petitioned this Court to  
be erected into a seprate Township accordingly

Be it enacted by his Excellency the Govener Counsel and  
Representres in General Court assembled and by the authority  
of the same that all the Lands lying within the Bounds follow-  
ing viz: The Colony or Patent Line and the Township of  
Woodstock on the South the Grant made to Medfield on  
the west the Land of Mr Pumpillions on the north unto the  
Farm belonging to Paul Dudly Esqr and by the same partly  
on the east untill it comes to Stoney River and by said River to  
the Brook Coming out of Chabunagungamaug Pond and oute  
of said Pond to the Collony or Patent Line be and hereby  
are Constituted into a Destint and Seprat Township by the  
name of Dudly and that the Inhabetence of the said Township

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be vested with the Powers Privelegs Imunities that the Inhab-  
etence of any Town of this Province by law are or ought to be  
vested with

Provided and be it further enacted that nothing in this act  
contained shall excuse or free aney of the Lands or Inhabitants  
that have been taxed by the Town of Oxford according to the  
order of this Court from paying all Past Dues but that they  
and their Lands be Subjected to pay their Town Countey  
and Ministeriall Rates and Taxes in the same maner as they  
would have been if this act had nevr been made

Passed by the Representves and in Council and Consented  
to by the Govenour

Copy Examined J Willard Secry

This is a true Copey of this act John Lillie Town Clerk

In the Hous of Representatives Jun 1. 1732) Ordred that  
Joseph Edmunds one of the prinsabel inhabetence of the Town  
of Dudley in the Countey of Worescster be directed and im-  
poured to notefie and summon the inhabetence of said Town of  
Dudley qualefied for voters to asembel and meet together  
sontim in the month of Jun Curent for the choosing of town  
Ofesers to stand until the next anuell Eleion according to Law  
aney Law usage or custom to the contrarey notwithstanding :)  
Sent up for concurence) J Quincey Speaker.

In Counsel June 1 : 1732 Read and Consented to

J Willard Secry

June the 1 1732 Consented to

J Belcher

True Copey Exemened

J Willard Secry

At a meeting of the Inhabetince of Dudly for the Choys of

Town ofesers at the hous of Willom Carters in said Town  
on Jun the 20 1732

Chosen moderater Joseph Edmunds then the meeting Moderater  
opened and

1 vots brought in for select men first chosen Joseph Select men  
Edmunds the second James Corbin sen the third Ebenezer Ed-  
munds the fourth Georg Robson the fifth John Lillie

2 votes brought in for Town Clerk Chosen John Lillie Town Clerk

3 votes brought in for a Constabel Chosen to that ofes Constabel  
Joseph Putney

4 votes brought in for Survyors of higwayes Chosen for Survyors of  
the sam Samuell Neuell and Willom Carter Higwayes

5 vots brought in for fence veirs Chosen Joshua Hele Fence veirs  
and Clement Corbin

6 vots brought in for tythen men Chosen for same benji Tythin men  
main Conont and Jonathan Neuell

7 votes brought in for Hogreves Chosen for the sam Hogreves  
David Sandrick and Joseph Wakfeild

8 vots brought in for feild drivers Chosen for the same feild drivers  
James Corbin Jun and Ebenezer Bacon

9 vots brought in for a Town Treasuer Chosen for the Town Tresuer  
sam Jonathan Neuell ) all these sevearall ofesers took the  
severall othes belonging to them by the Select men and Town  
Clerk)

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Worsester ss to the Constabel Joseph Putney of Dudley A warrant for a  
Greeting Dudley Jun the 22 1732) you are hearby required in Town meating  
his majestes nam to warn the severall inhabetence of this Town  
to meet at the Hous of William Carters in said Town at 12 of  
the clock the 29 of this instant Jun then and thare to see  
whether the Town will consider of hiring a minester for a year  
to preach the Gospel to them and which way to pay him and  
to see for a plase to meet at and whare to bord the minester or  
aney other thing that the Town shall think nedful to act on on

said day and to make your return of it to the Seeled men by order of the Select men

John Lillie Town Clerk

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June the 29 1732. At a meeting in Dudly at the hous of Willom Carters in said Town at 12 of the clock Chosen modrat<sup>r</sup>er for the same James Corbin sen :

modrat<sup>r</sup>er

A Town  
meeting to  
hire  
a minster

- 1 voted to hire a minster for a year
  - 2 voted to raise the money to pay the minster upon Polls and Improved Lands and Stock
  - 3 voted that Willom Carters hous be the hous for to meet in to hear the Gospel preached in
  - 4 voted that the Select men shall provid the minster for this Town
  - 5 voted that the Select men shuld provid the plase to bord the minster at
  - 6 voted that Jonathan Neuell be the man to set the psalm at the Publick Worship
  - voted that Joseph Peper be the man to reed the psalm
  - voted that Willam Carters barn yard be the pound for this present year
  - voted that Willam Carter be the pound keeper provided the Select men do provid him a lock
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A warent for a  
Town meeting

Worsester ss to the Constabel Joseph Putney of Dudley Greting you are hearby Required in his majstes nam to warn the sevorl Inhabetence of this Town to meet at the hous of Joseph Peppers in said Town on the 11 day of this Instant September at 12 of the Clock then and their to see whether the Town will send a man or men to their honours Judg Dudley and Colnel Dudly Esq<sup>r</sup> and to Colnel Fich to see whether their honours will do aney thing to wards our settling of a minster and building of a meeting hous and to see



whether the Town will consider of another plase to meet in on the Sabath for the tim to com and if Mr. Robson dos Refuse to sarve as one of our select men to chuse another and aney other thing that the Town shall think nedfull to be acted one on said day and to mak your return of it to the select men by order of the select men      Dudley September the 4 : 1732

John Lille      Town Clerk

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At a meeting in Dudley at the hous of Joseph Peppers in      The Town  
said Town at 12 of the Clock      Meting

Chosen modgrater for the sam Joseph Edmunds

1    voted to send 2 men to their honours namly Judg Dudley and Colnel Dudley Esq<sup>r</sup> and Colnel Fich to see whether those Gentelmen will do aney thing towards our settling of a minester and bulding of a meating hous

2    voted that Joseph Edmunds and George Robson be the men to treat with thos Gentelmen for the Town in this afaire

3    voted that Samuells Neuells hous be the hous to meet in on the Sabath when it is removed from Willam Carters

4    voted that our Town meetings be warned for tim to Com by setting up a notefication on our publick meeting hous

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Worsester ss      to the Constabel Joseph Putney of Dudley      A warent for a  
Greeting      you are hearby Required in his majestes nam to      Town meeting  
warn the sevorall inhabetence of this town to meet at the house of Samuells Neuells in said Town on the sixth day of November at teen of the Clock then and their to see whether the Town will raise money to Defray the several Charges arising in the Town and to see whether the Town will send a man to get our nonresidant Lands Tax at the General Court or aney other thing that the Town shall think nesasarey to be acted on

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one said day and to mak your Return of it to the select men by  
order of the select men      Dudley October the 28: 1732

John Lillie      Town Clerk

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November the 6 1732      at a meeting in Dudley at the hous  
of Samuells Neuells at teen of the clock

modrater

Chosen modrater for the same Joseph Edmunds

the Town  
meeting

I voted that theire should be twenty pounds money \* \*  
by the select men to defray the several Charges arising  
in \* \* \* town

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Dudley November y<sup>e</sup> 23 1732

A warent for a  
Town meeting

the Inhabetence of said Town are warned and required  
hearby to meet and assembl themselves together at the dwell-  
ing hous of Willam Carters in said Town wensday the 27 of  
November Instant at eight of the clock in the morning then  
and there to see whether they will act upon the following  
articles

(1) whether thay will reseve what the Honorabel Paull  
Dudley and Willom Dudley Esq<sup>r</sup> have ofered to the Town

(2) to see whether the Town will chuse a plase to set the  
meeting house on

(3) to see whether the Town will prosed in calling a Gospel  
minester and to see what settlement thay will Give him

(4) to see whether the Town will send a man down to the  
Grat and Genearal Court to get their Land Taxed

by order of the select men      John Lillie      Town Clerk

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November the 29      1732      there was a meeting of the  
Inhabet of Dudley Regurley assembled at the hous of Willam  
Carters in said Town on wensday at eight of the clock

Chosen modrater for the present meeting Joseph Edmunds

modrater

1 voted to chuse a plase to seet the meeting hous on

A Town meet-  
ing for the  
Choys of a  
meeting hous  
plat and a  
minester

2 voted that the Town excepted of the Gentelmens ofer to  
the Town

3 voted that the Choys of the meeting hous plat should be  
desided by a major vot

4 voted that the north side of the Indins Land near Willam  
Carters Land be the plase to set the meeting house on

5 voted that the meeting house be set upon Willam Carters  
Land upon the west end of his Land near the Indian Land

6 voted and Chose the Reverend Mr Isaac Richardson for  
a Gospel minester to settel in said Town

7 voted by the Inhabetence of said Town that thay will  
give to there minester use wen the parson above Exprest his  
accepting of our call a settelment of one hundred and fifty  
pounds money togather with a Lot of Land of one hundred  
acers given by the honourabel Willam Dudley Esqr for that  
use to the Town

8 voted by the said Inhabetence that Mr Isaac Richardson  
accepting of there ofer according to there Choys shall have a  
Salerey or yearly Reward for his Labor in the Gospel (viz)  
for the first year Eightey pounds for the second Eightey five  
pounds and so adding five pounds yearly until it rise to an  
hundred pounds money yearly

9 voted that the select men namly Joseph Edmunds James  
Corbin Ebenezer Edmunds Gorg Robson John Lillie togather  
with Jonathan hobbs Benjman Conant Joseph Putney be a  
comitey to present there vots to Mr Isaac Richardson and to  
make there Return to the inhabetence above said

10 voted that our hall Township of Land be taxt for seven  
years togather as wild Land at twenty shillings upon one  
hundred acers

11 voted that Mr Joseph Edmunds be the man to get this  
tax upon our Lands at the Geneeral asembly

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A warent for a  
Town meeting

Worsester ss to the Constabel Joseph Putney of Dudley  
Greeting you are hearby required in his majestes nam to  
warn the several inhabetence of this Town to meet at the hous  
of Willam Carters in said Town on monday the 25 of this  
instant Desember at eight of the Clock in the morning

(1) then and theire to see if thaire was aney thing acted  
contrary to Law in our proseding in chusing of a minester at  
our Last meeting that it may be rectefied

(2) to hear the act of the Court consarning our Land tax by  
Mr Joseph Edmunds

(3) or aney other thing that shall be thought nedfull on that  
day consarning high wayes or runing the Lines betwen this  
Town and the Towns adjoyneng and to make your Return  
of it to the select men by order of the select men Dudley  
Desember 7 1732

John Lillie Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Inhabetence of Dudley Regurley  
assembled at the house of Willam Carters in said Town on  
monday at eight of the Clock in the morning the 25 Desem-  
ber 1732

modrater  
the Town  
meting

1 Chosen modrater for the present meeting Joseph Edmunds  
2 it being preposed to the Town by the modrater whether  
aney man was disatesfied with our prosedings at our Last  
meeting consarning our Choys of Mr Isaac Richardson and it  
being preposed several times to them in the present meeting  
by the modrater and there being no man in the present meting  
that obgeted against their Choys or Salerey or Setteltment of  
the Reverend Mir Isaac Richardson

1 voted that the select men with a commite of four men to  
be aded to them Shall Lay ought the high wayes for this Town

2 voted that the select men namely Joseph Edmunds James  
Corbin Ebenezer Edmunds George Robson John Lillie to-  
gather Jonathan Hobbs and Daniel Mackentier and Cleiment



Corbin be a comite with the select men to Lay ought the high wayes for this Town

3 voted that James Corbin sen one of our select men with Jonathan Neuell be the men to Run the Lines and to mak and Renew the bounds betwen this Town and the Towns adjoyning

4 voted that Mr Morres shall have a hering in this Town at a convenent meeting consarning his joyneng with us

5 voted that the Reverend Mir Isaac Richardsons Salerey. shall be continued as the money is now and to rise and fall as the valeation of money shall be for time to com

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To his Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esqr Captain Genaral and Govener in Chef in and over the Province of the Massachusetts bay the Honouorabel Councill and hous of Representatives in Genarall Court asembled this 12 of Desember 1732

The Petition of  
Mr Joseph  
Edmunds

The Humbel Petition of Joseph Edmunds of Dudley in the Countey of Worsester for and in behalf of said Town Humbly Shueth

that the said Town being as yet but in its Infancy and grat part of the Land theirin owned by persons liveng ought of the said Town and Littel or no Improvement mad thereon and the said Town being about to Buld a House for the Publick Worship and settling a minester of the Gospell by which pious works the Land in that Town in all probability will rise in their value and be much benefited therby and the said Town in a regular meeting have voted with humbel submission to your Exelency and honours that a tax be Leveyed on all the Lands in said Town after the Rate of Twentey Shillings to one hundred acres for each year for Spase of five years towards the defreying the said charges and imprauid your Petitioner to apply for

Wherefor your Petitioner humbly prays that the said Town

may be impouered to Levy and Collect the said Tax or otherwise as your Excellency and Honours shall see met

Joseph Edmunds

Theire is in said Township a tract of Land in the posesion of the Indian Natives

The grant of  
this prayer

In the House of Representatives Desember 14<sup>th</sup> 1732 Read  
and in answer to this Petition ordred that the prayer thereof  
be so far granted as that the select men or asesrs of the Town  
of Dudley be and hearby are allowed and Impouered to Leve  
and assess a Tax at Two pence a acer on one hundred on all  
the Lands lying within the said Township belonging either to  
the Resident or nonresident proprietors (the Indians Lands  
Exepted) for the full Spase of Five years next enseweng for  
the defeying and paying the minestearal and other charges  
arising therin and the Constabel or Collecters of the said  
Town are required and directed to Collect and pay in the sum  
of said Tax accordingly Sent up for Concurrence

J Quincy Spker

In Council Desember 15<sup>th</sup> 1732

Read and Concurd

J Willard Secry

Consented to J Belcher

Copy Examined

J Willard Secry

Rates made

October the 28 Rates mad and signed by the select men of  
Dudley and one October the thirth the Lest delivered to the  
Constabel Joseph Putney with a warent form the select men to  
gather in the sum total of said Lest

This is to notefie the Inhabetence of the Town of Dudley to <sup>A notificat for</sup> meet at the hous of Samuells Neuells in said Town the 5 day <sup>a Town</sup> of Febuarey next at eight of the Clock in the morning persisly <sup>meting</sup>

(1) then and their to reseve Mir Isaac Richardsons answer  
Consarning his settling with us in the work of the minestry

(2) to agree with him consarning his settling with us if he  
accepts of our Choys

(3) and if Mr Isaac Richardson doth accepts of our Choys  
to see whether the Town will find him his wood

Dudley Januarey the 22 1733

by order of the select men) John Lillie Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the inhabetence of Dudley Regulary  
assembled at the hous of Samuells Neuells in said Town one  
Monday the 5 day of Febuary 1732-3 at eight of the clock in  
the morn

Chosen modrater for the presesent meating James Corbin

Moderater  
the Town  
meeting

1 voted that the Reverend Mir Richardson shall have a  
month Longer befor he doth give his answer to the Town

2 voted that Clement Corbin shall be the man to go to the  
Honourabel Willam Dudley to see about our Deed of the  
minester Lot

3 voted that Mir Morres and Mir Child and Mir Bugbe  
shall have a hering at our next meeting consarning their  
joyning with us

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These may Certifye that being desired by Mir Joseph Ed-  
munds to signifie what I was willing to do towards the Buld-  
ing a meeting hous and settling a minester att Dudley in the  
County of Worsester Do therefore by these presents mak  
known that I shall make over Convey and Dispose of a cer-  
tain lott of Land containing one hundred acers of land att the  
least lying eastward of Willam Carters in the said Town to the

Willam Dudley  
Esqrs Clerk to  
the Town of  
Dudley

ministry or minister as the Town shall order and shall give and grant the forfeiture of a Bond for the upholding and constantly keeping in good order a Grist mill in said Town amounting to one hundred pounds from Jonathan Bugbe of Woodstock for and towards the Building a meeting house and my lands lying in said Town to be subject to all legall taxes layed thereon provided the meeting hous be erected on or near the land the Indians now Deuell on as witness my hand this 15<sup>th</sup> November 1732

W<sup>m</sup> Dudley

The gift of  
Paul Dudley  
Esqr to the  
Town of  
Dudley

I also promise to pay all such legal taxes as shall be laied on my lands lying in the Town of Dudley in preportion with others and further as sown as the meeting hous frame is up and in closed I promise to pay and advaince teen pounds money for that use and if there be aney pine trees in my lands thereabouts the Comite are wellcom to have them and take aney for that use for the meeting hous as wittnes my hand 17 November 1732

Paul Dudley

Dudley February y<sup>e</sup> 12 1733

A notefication  
for a  
Town meeting

The Inhabetence of said Town are hearby notefied and required to meet at the Dwelling hous of Samucll Neuells in said Town the 26 day of February Instant at one of the Clock afternoon Then and their to see whether thay will act upon the following articls viz :

(1) to Recave the Reverend Mir Isaac Richardsons answer to said Town and in case his answer be to settle in said Town according to their vots to agre with him about his sallery and setelment

(2) and in case Mir Richardsons answer be in the affarmitive viz to setlele in said Town to see whether the Town will

give him his wood Cut and Carted to his house yearly together with what they have signified that they will give for his yearly sallery

(3) and in case Mir Richardsons answer be in the affirmative viz: to settle in said Town to see whether the Town will proseed to grant money to Defrey the Charges of the Ordination and to perfix the Day therfor

by order of the select men      John Lillie Town Clerk

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Dudley Febuarey the 26 1732-3 at a meeting of the Inhabetence of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at the Dwelling hous of Samuells Nuells in said Town

Chosen modrater for the same Mir Joseph Edmunds

\* \* rater

1 voted by the said Inhabetence to give the Reverend Mir Isaac Richardson twenty five Cords of wood Cut and Carted to his house yearly together with what they have signified they will give him for his yearly sallerey

2 voted that the first wensday in June next ensewing be the day for the Ordination of the Reverend Mir Isaac Richardson to the work of the ministrey in Dudley upon further considration at the present meeting

3 voted that the Ordnation of the Reverend Mir Isaac Richardson to the ministearall ofes in said Town be Referred to the Last Wensday in Agust next ensewing

4 voted by said inhabetence that twenty five pounds be Raised upon the said inhabetence by the select men to defray the Charges of the Ordination of the reverend mir Isaac Richardson

5 voted that the select men (viz) Joseph Edmunds James Corbin Ebenezer Edmunds Gorg Robson John Lillie be a commitee to agree with mir Richardson about his salerey and setelment

6 voted that Joshue Heleys hous be the hous to have the Ordaination in and mir Joseph Edmunds hous to be the hous



to provid for the minesters and mesheners which Com to atend upon the ordanaitoon

7 voted that the reverend Mir Fisk of Killingly y<sup>e</sup> Rever<sup>d</sup> Mr Thair of Roxbury the reve<sup>d</sup> mir Willams of Pomfret the Revd m<sup>r</sup> Jackson of Woborn the Revd mr Cambell of Oxford the Revd mr Throop of Woodstock the Revd mr Cabbot of Thomson the Revd mr Printec of Hassanamissco ware Chosen by the Town to asist at the ordainaiton of the Revernd mir Isaac Richardson

8 voted and Chose for to be a Commite to provide for the ordination of the Reverend mr Isaac Richardson James Corbin Jonathan Hobbs Jonathan Neuell Samuell Neuell Clement Corbin Joshua Heley John Lillie ..

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A warnt for a  
town meeting

Dudly March y<sup>e</sup> 12 1733 Worsester ss to the Constable Joseph Putny of the town of Dudly greeting you are hearby required in his majesties name to warn the severel inhabetence of west part said town to meet and asemble themselves at the dwelling house of William Carters in sd town on tusday the 20 day of March instent at eight of the klok in the morning 1 then and there to chues town ofisers for this present year 2 to see wether or no the town will grant mr Morris'es request namly to move the meeting house place to the \* \* of the south part of the indian hill

3 to se wether the town will agree that there anewell town town meeting shall be on the first Monday in March for the time to come without any other warning 4 to se wether the town will pass an act to prevent peoples taking in cattel into the town

5 to se which of the two days which the town hass all redy picht upon for the ordination of the reverend m<sup>r</sup> Isaac richardson shall be the day for the ordination it being in controverse namly whether the first wensday in june or the Last wensday in August

6 to se wether the town will impowr the select men to give

the revernd m<sup>r</sup> richardson a deed of the Lot of Land according  
to the town vote by order of the select men

John Lillie town clerk

Samiel Newell warned the east end of said town to this  
present meeting by order of the select men

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Dudly March ye 20 our anewell town meeting assembled our anewell  
town meeting  
at the hous of William carters

moderator chosen for the sd meeting m<sup>r</sup> James Corbin Senior

1) voted slect man Joseph Edmunds 2 Ebenezer Edmunds  
3 Benja Conant 4 Richard kider 5 Joshua healy

2) voted Benj<sup>a</sup> Conant town clerk for the year insuing

3) voted that there shall be two constables in sd town

4) voted that John ruewe shall be one constable for this  
year and david Southwick the other constabel for the year in-  
suing

5) voted Samuel newell and william Carter be survaers for  
the hiways for the year insuing

6) voted that the select men tak care for the Laying out rods

7) voted that John rich and Daniel Coffin be tiething men  
for the year insuing

8) voted that Joseph pepper and James corbin be survaers  
of fencs for the year insuing

9) voted that Jonathan newell be town trasurier for the  
year insuing

10) voted that Benja davis and paul rich be hoge reaves for  
the year insuing

11) voted that clement corbin thomos chenee and nathan  
denis be hayward or fieldrivers for the year insuing

12) voted that our anewell town meeting be the first monday  
in march for the time to come without any further warning

13) voted that if any person shall tak in cattle except they  
hire them shall pay ten Shielings peir head

14) voted that the first wensday in june next be the day for  
the ordination of the reverend mr Isaac richardson

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15 voted that the eighteeneth day of April next be the day for our privit fast in this place

16 voted that Benja conant shall go down to the honourable curnul dudly for other security for the Lot of Land your self gave to the town and the town voted to the minister

Thes several ofisers have taken ther oaths relating to there office by the town clark for the present year by order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant                      Town Clark

Dudly April 16 1733    Worsester ss

Warnt for a  
town meeting

To constable John ruewe greeting you are hearby required in his majestis name forthwith to warn the several inhab-  
etance of the town of dudly on the east side of the Crok that runs by putneys down by philip newels to meet at the house of Samuel newels in sd town on monday 23 of April instent at two of the clock in the after noone then and there to se weather they will act upon the following artecells

as 1) to se what the town will Levey the tax upon to defray the charge of the ordination

2) to se what the town will Leavey ye resedue of the hundred and fifty pounds upon for the setelment of there minister beside what the Land tax will produce and make your return to the select men by order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant                      town clark

the above written warent to constable david Southwick greeting to warn the inhabetance on the west side of sd Crook in sd town

town meeting

D April 23 1733      at a meeting of the inhabetance of the town of Dudly regularly asembled at the dewelling house of Samuel newells at 2 of the clock in the afternoon

1) voted and chose mr Joseph Edmunds moderater for the sd meetng

2) voted that if the honourble curnul dudly give the town that hundred pounds his honour signefid he would concerning the mill that the reverend mr Isaac richardson shall have it and in case the hundred pound fail he shall have fifty pund by the 20 of november next and fifty pound the next year and fifty pound the next

3) voted that simon chamberlin and benja<sup>n</sup> davis with old mr corbin chosen before to run the Line round our township

4) voted that the charg of the ordination of the reverend mr Isaac richardson be defrayed by a rate

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Dudly April 23 1733 at a meeting of the chruch regularly conved at the house of Joseph putnys on sd day

1) voted and chose mr Jonathan hobs moderrater for sd meeting

2) voted and chose Benja<sup>n</sup> conant clark for sd meeting

3) voted and chose the reverend mr Isaac richardson to be our minester in the gospel in sd town

4) voted that the day for ordination of the revarend m<sup>r</sup> Isaac richardson be on the first wensday in june next

5) voted and chose Joseph putny Joseph Sebin and Banja<sup>n</sup> conant be the persons to present the chruchs vote to the reverend mr Isaac richardson which vots of the chruch being imeadeitly presented to the town to se weather the town would comply with the chruchs vote for the ordination which accordingly they vott & concurd with the vote of the chruch that the first wensday in june next be the day for the ordination of the reverend mr Isaac richardson

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Dudly may the 15 1733

Worcester ss to the constabls John ruewe and david Southwick greeting you are hearby required in his majestis name forthwith to warn the several inhabitence of the town of a warnt for a town meeting

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dudly in each of your wards to meet and asemble themselves at the dwelling hous of Samuel newels in sd town on tuesday 22 day of may instent at twelve a clock

1) then and there to se weather the town can make things eassy concerning the ordination sence there is so much uneasyness about it

2) to se weather we shall meet at the same hous on the Sabbath we now meet at or weather they will make choice of some other if it may be obtaind

3) or any other thing the town shall se cause to act upon on the same day and make your return to the select men by order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> conant town clark

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Dudly may 22 1733

town meeting

at a meeting of the inhabitence of the town of dudly regularly asembled at the house of Samuel newells in sd town at 12 a clock

1) voted and choose m<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Edmunds moderrater for the present meeting

2) to se to mak things eassy concerning ordination wherupon the church & town all agreed to stand by the vote that was past for the ordination of the revernd mr Isaac richardson to be on the Last wensday in August next insueing

3) voted to meet at the hous of william carters on the sabbath after two sabbaths from this time

4) voted and chose mr James corbin senier and mr Ebenezer Edmunds to carry the town vots to curnul John chandler Sqier to have his advice upon them

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warnt for a  
town meeting

Dudly june 15 1733

Worvester ss to the constables John ruewe and david Southwick greeting you are hearby required in his majestis



name forthwith to warn the several inhabitation of the town of dudly in your wards to meet and assemble themselves at the dwelling house of william carters in sd town at 2 of the clock in the after noone on the 22 day of june instent

then and there to receive judg chandlers advice concerning the managment of our officers as to placing our meeting house and calling a minester

and make your return by order of select men

Benja<sup>a</sup> conant      town clerk

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Dudly june 22-1733

at a meeting of the inhabitation of the town of dudly assembled town meeting at the dwelling house of william carters in sd town at 2 a clock after noone

1) voted and chose m<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Edmunds moderater for the sd meeting

then and there heard judg chandlers advice on our officers presented to the town by the hands of mr James corbin and mr Ebenezer Edmunds as a comite sent to his honour on that purpos

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Dudley July 31 1733

to the constables Jobn ruewe and David Southwick greeting a warnet for a town meeting you are hearby required forthwith to warn the several inhabitation in the town of Dudley in each of your wards to meet and assemble themselves at the dwelling house of William carters in said town on tuesday the 7 day of August next at one a clock after noone then and there to se if the town will act upon the following articles

1) that wereas it hath been divers debated in town meetings concerning the ordination of m<sup>r</sup> Isaac richardson whome we have chosen to be our minester in the gospel and wereas there still seems to be some persons which think that the town have

not proceeded regulely in the choice of there minister alltho it was done with the unanimos consent of the inhabitance of sd town as apears from the town record therfore the inhabitence of sd town are hearby warned and requested to either ratify and confirm there call and Settlement to m<sup>r</sup> Isaac richardson or to call in the assistance of a counsel to hear and determin all diffirences that have or may probably arise concerning the same or the advice of the neighbouring minesters as privit gentlmen and not only as advisers but as judgs of the same and if the town desirs m<sup>r</sup> richardson to Leave them to propose some honorable terms to him to preserve the honour and credit of this town as well as the honour and credet of the person whome we have chosen

and make your return by order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> conant      town clerk

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Dudley August 7 1733

town meeting      at a meeting of the inhabitence of the town of dudley asembled at the dwelling house of william carturs in sd town on tuesday the 7 day of August at one a clock after noone  
chosen moderator for sed meeting m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Edmunds

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Dudley Augst 16 1733

warnt for a meeting      Worsester ss      to the constables John ruewe and david Southwick greeting      you are hearby requird in his majestis name forthwith to warn the several inhabitance in the town of dudley in each of your wards to meet at the house of william carturs in sd town on thirsdays the 23 day of August instent at 2 a clock afternoone

1) then and there to hear whate m<sup>r</sup> richardson has to say to the town

2) to se what honourabe terms the town will propose to m<sup>r</sup> richardson for there futtuer honour & credit

3) to give nottis to every one that has any thing due from the town to bring in there account

4) and in case m<sup>r</sup> richardson Leavs us to se if the town will proseed in some method to maintain preaching for the futuer

and make your return      by order of the select men  
Benja<sup>n</sup> conant      town clerk

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Dudley August 23 1733

at a meeting of the inhabitance of the town of dudley asembled <sup>town meeting</sup> at the dwelling house of william carters in sd town at 2 a clock after noone

1 voted and chose m<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Edmunds moderator for ye sd meeting

2 voted in answer to mr richardsons request Signefiing he was no ways obliged to the town as to his seteling with them

3 voted that the town will maintain preaching for the futuer

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Dudley August 27 1733

Worsester ss      to the constables John ruewe and david Southwick greeting      you are hearby required forthwith to warn the severale inhabitance in ye town of dudly in your ward to meet and asemble themselves at the dwelling house of william carters in sd town on tuesday the 4 day of September next at 12 a clock <sup>warnt for a meeting</sup>

1 then and there to se if the town will send some person to procure a minister

2 to se how much money the town will grant to defray the charg of preaching and other nesisery chargs

3 to se weather the town will use the Land tax to defray the above mentioned chargs or weather they will raise it upon poles stocks and improvements

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4 to se if the town will send a person or persons to the honourble judge dudleys to se what incourigment there honours will give us towards our building a meting house and make your return by order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> conant      town clerk

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Dudley September y<sup>e</sup> 4 1733

A town  
meeting

at a meeting of the inhabitance of the town of dudley regularly asembled at the dwelling house of william carters in sd town at 12 a clock

1 voted and chose m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Edmunds moderater for the sd meeting

2 voted and chose captain Ebenezer Edmunds to se to procure a minister to preach the gospel to us and Likewise to go to the honourable judg dudleys to se whate incourigment there honours will give us towards our building a meeting house

3 voted that sixty pounds money shall be raised upon the inhabitance of sd town to pay what the town is now in dept and to defray the charg of preaching and other nesesity chargs from this time till march next insueing

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Dudley october 16 1733

warnt

Worsester ss to the constables John Reuwe and David Southwick greeting you are hearby required forthwith to warn the several inhabitance in each of your wards in the town of dudley to meet at the dwelling house of william carturs in sd town on tuesday the 23 of october instent at 12 a clock

1 then and the to se if the town will petition for the heither part of Woodstock to be set of to us to inlarge our town

2 and also to notefye the inhabitance of sd town to bring in the invice of ther ratible estats on sd day to the select men and also to bring in the account of what quantity of Land they

have in order for the Land tax      "      and make your return by  
order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> conant      town clerk

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Dudley october 23 1733

at a meeting of the inhabtance of the town of dudley town meeting  
regularly asembled at the dwelling house of william carturs in  
sd town on tusday 23 of october

1) voted and chose m<sup>r</sup> Joseph pepper moderater for ye sd  
meeting

2 voted against petitioning for the heither part of wood-  
stock by a great majority

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Dudley november 10 1733

Worsester ss      to the constables John ruewe and david      warnt  
Southwick greeting      you are hearby required forthwith to  
warn the several inhabtance of the town of dudley in each of  
your wards to meet at the dwelling hous of william carturs in  
sd town on friday 16 of november instent at 9 a clock in the  
morning then and there to se if the town will act upon the  
following articles

1 to se if the town will proceed in building a meeting  
house and what method they will proceed in and if the town  
see cause to go on with the work to chuse a commitee to take  
car of the same

2 to se if the town will chuse a committee to provid a  
minester for us from this time till march next insueing

3 to se what place the town will agree to meet at upon the  
Sabbath and make your return by order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> conant      town clerk

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Dudley november 16 1733

town meeting at a meeting of the inhabtance of the town of dudley  
regularly asembled at the dwelling house of william carturs in  
sd town on friday the 16 of november instent

1 voted and chose m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Edmunds moderater for sd  
meeting

2 voted and chose m<sup>r</sup> Joseph pepper m<sup>r</sup> John Lilley and  
m<sup>r</sup> Benja newell to be a commitee to provid us preaching from  
time to time as the town stands in need from this time till  
march next insueing

3 voted that m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Scotts house be the place to meet  
at upon the Sabbath

Dudley november 23 1733

warnt Worsester ss to the constables John ruewe and David  
Southwick greeting you are hearby required forthwith to  
warn the several inhabtance in the town of dudley in each of  
your wards to meet at the dwelling house of william carturs  
in sd town on friday ye 30 day of november instent at ten a  
clock in the morning then and there to se if the town will act  
upon the following articles

1 to give m<sup>r</sup> moris a hearing concerning his joyning with  
us in building a meeting house

2 to establish a plot for our meeting house

3 to proseed in building a meeting house and to agree  
what bigness for the house and what method they will proseed  
in and also to chuse a commitee to manige that afare and make  
your return by order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> conant town clerk

town at a meeting of the inhabtance of the town of dudley  
regularly asembled at the dwelling house of william carturs in  
sd town on friday ye 30 day of november instent



1 voted and chose m<sup>r</sup> Joseph pepper moderater for sd meeting

2 voted not to oblige m<sup>r</sup> moris in seting our meeting house on the south end of the indian hill on the highest part of it

3 voted that our meeting house shall stand in the senter of our town and if the senter falls in a place not convenient by reason of brook and swamp then it shall stand in the nearest convenient place by a great majority

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Dudley desember 12 1733

Worsester ss to the constables John reuwe and david Southwick greeting you are hearby required forthwith to ward the several inhabittance in the town of dudley in each of your wards to meet at the dwelling house of william carturs in sd town on thirsday ye 20th day of desember instent at 12 a cloĉk then and there to se if the town will act upon the following articles

warnt

1 to reconsider the vote that was past the last town meeting concerning the placeing our meeting house and to pich on some other place if not to chus a commitee to measure the town and to find the senter for us

2 to se if the town will establish the highway laid out from m<sup>r</sup> georg robisons over the french river were the brig is raised and make your return by order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> conant town clerk

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at a meeting of the inhabittance of the town of Dudley town meeting regularly asembled at the dwelling house of william carturs in sd town on thirsday ye 20 day of desember 1733

1 voted and chose m<sup>r</sup> georg robison moderater for sd meeting

2 voted that the town reconsidered the vote that was past

at our last town meeting for the placing our meeting house in the senter of our town

3 voted by a great majority that our meeting house shall stand upon the south part of william carturs land near the indian line just at the east of the paths that one gose from william carturs to Samael newells and the other croses the hill over to the indians by the timber that was drawd for m<sup>r</sup> Isaac richardsons house were the timber now lise david Southwick Joseph Sabin Elisha Sabin Simon chamberlian william cartur these persons hear named now enter there desent against this last vote

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Dudley janewary 22 1733-4

warnt

Worsester ss to the constables John reuwe and david Southwick greeting you are hearby required forthwith to warn the several inhabittance of the town of dudley in each of your wards to meet at the dwelling house of william carturs in sd town on wensday the 30 day of janauary instent at eight of the clock in the morning then and there to se if the town will act upon the following articles

1 for the town to reconsider that vote that was past last about placing our meeting house

2 then for the town to proseed to place the meeting house on the top of that hill that Joshua pegin fencet part

3 then for the town to receive m<sup>r</sup> morris upon his one proposuls if the town sees cause

4 to se if the town will now proceed to build a meeting house and what bigness and what method to go on in and to chuse a commitee to take care of ye same and make your return by order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> conant town clerk

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town meeting at a meeting of the inhabittance of the town of dudley regularly assembled at the dwelling house of william carturs in

sd town on wensday the 30 day of jenauary 1733-4

1 voted and chose m<sup>r</sup> james corbin Senier moderater for sd meeting

2 voted that if these honourable gentlemen namly judge dudley and curnul dudley will procur us land at a reasonable rate for to set our meeting house on in Joshua pegins old field were there is a small walnut tree marked with a heep of stons a little to ye est of it and land convenient for a burying place and a traning field by the same then our last vote is for the placing our meeting house is reconsidered but if we cant obtain the land as we expect for the aforesd uses then the vote at our last meeting for setting our meeting house on william carturs land is to remain as it was

3 voted that the town will proceed in building a meeting house

4 voted that the town will build a meeting house five and forty feet long and forty foot wide

5 voted that the town will now chuse a commitee to manig the afars in building a meeting house

6 voted that the town will have five men for a commitee to take care for the carrying on the work of our meeting house

7 voted that every man shall have liberty to work about the house in proportion to his rate

8 voted that cap Ebenezer Edmunds m<sup>r</sup> georg robuson insign clement corbin m<sup>r</sup> Samuel newell m<sup>r</sup> thomus cheney be a commitee to carry on the work of our meeting house

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Sixty pound Rats made in november 1733 and delivered to the constables signed by the select men with a warnt to each of the constables John ruewe and david Southwick signed by the select men for the gathering the some total in said list

Rats

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the land tax for the town of dudly for the year 1733      our  
land tax made in february 1733-4 signed by the select men and

delivered to the constables with a warnt for the gathering of  
said the tax signed by the select men John ruewe and david  
Southwick constabls

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Dudley March 4 1734

our anaue  
meeting

at a meeting of the inhabitance of ye town of dudley regu-  
larly asembled at the dwelling house of william carturs in sd  
town on monday ye 4 day of march 1734

1 voted and chose m<sup>r</sup> James corbin senier moderater for  
sd meeting

2 voted that the town will have five select-men for the  
year insuing

3 voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Edmunds the first select-man for the  
year insuing

4 voted Benja<sup>n</sup> conant the second select-man for ye year  
insuing

5 voted Richard Kidder the third select-man for the year  
insuing

6 voted Jonathan Newell the fourth select-man for ye year  
insuing

7 voted clement corbin the fifth select-man for ye year  
insuing

8 voted Benja<sup>n</sup> conant town clerk for the year insuing  
continued •

9 voted Jonathan newell town treasurer for the year  
insuing

10 voted philip newell constable for the weast ward for  
the year insuing

11 voted Ebenezer bacon and Benja<sup>n</sup> Chamberlin survaers  
of highways for ye insuing year

12 voted Samuel Scott and Benja<sup>n</sup> whit howards or feild  
drivers for ye year insuing

13 voted Ebenezer Coburn Joseph jewell Simon Cham-  
berlin and Jonathan wakfield to be hogreavs for the year  
insuing

14 voted Joseph Scott and Jonathan hobbs tything men for ye year insuing

15 voted that wereas Joseph pepper was chose constable for the east ward the town thought proper and reconsidered that vote and voted James corbin junir to serve constable for the east ward for the year insuing

16 voted that no person nor persons shall take cattle into our town without paying teen shillings per head

17 voted David Southwick and philip Corbin Servars of fence for ye year insuing

18 voted that the town accepted all the accounts and granted them that was brought to this meeting by the select men treasurer and constables

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Dudley march 6 1734

Worsister Ss to the constables philip newell and James Corbin jun<sup>r</sup> greeting you are hearby requird forthwith to warn the several inhabitance of the town of dudley in each of your wards to meet at the dwelling house of william carturs in sd town on wensday the 13 day of march instent at nine a clock in the morning then and there to act upon the following articles

1) for the town to grant mony to defray the charg of preaching and and other nessisery chargs for the year insuing

2) to chuse a committee to provid us preaching for the year insuing and also to provid a place to board the minister at

3) to pitch upon mr william carturs house to meet at on the Sabbath if it may be obtaind on reasonable terms and if not his house some other

4) to alter the form of our meeting house if they se cause and to set a price upon labour both of persons and teems and to se if town will now go about the meeting house and to set a time to raise our meeting house

\* \* \* to chuse a commitee to agree with pertickeler persons conserning the \* \* \* nty rod

\* \* \* chuse a person or persons to go with m<sup>r</sup> moris up to  
 judg Chandlers the land of the indians which  
 curnul dudly gave us about for our meeting house

7) to se weather the town will receive m<sup>r</sup> morris in his  
 own proposels or part and make your return by order of the  
 select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> conant town clerk

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town meeting at a meeting of the inhabitance of the town of dudley regu-  
 larly asembled at the dwelling house of william carturs in sd  
 town on wensday the 13 day of march 1734

1) voted and chose m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Edmunds moderater for sd  
 meeting

2) voted and granted by the town one hundred and ten  
 pounds money to defray the charg of preaching and other  
 nesisery chargs for for the year insuing or as far as the money  
 will go

3) voted and chose m<sup>r</sup> James corbin m<sup>r</sup> william cartur m<sup>r</sup>  
 benja<sup>n</sup> newell for a commitee to provid preaching for the town  
 for the year insuing and also to provid a place to board the  
 minister at

4) voted 3 pounds to m<sup>r</sup> william cartur for the use of his  
 house for the year insuing to meet at on the Sabbath and as  
 sd cartur has had the same trouble 2 years past he freely gives  
 the whole to the town which maks nine pound

5) voted that the town adds five foot to the lengeth of our  
 meeting house and to have it two and twenty foot stude

6) voted that our town inhabitance are to work about our  
 meeting house at any sort of work accept a master workman  
 for four shillings and six pence a day and find themselves

7) voted a pair of oxen and cart to work at four shillings  
 a day 2 shillings for each refering to the work of our meeting  
 house

8) voted that persons shall be at there work at eight a  
 clock in the morning



9) voted that the town will now proceed to fall and hew the timber for our meeting house and after planting to draw the timber together and after haying to frame and gite it up as soon as may be

10) voted that capt Edmunds m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Scott and m<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer bacon be a commitee to agree with such persons as the county rode gos through there land concerning the same

11) voted m<sup>r</sup> James corbin m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Edmunds for a commitee to go with m<sup>r</sup> morris up to judge chandlers concerning some land we hope to obtain of the indians for our meeting house and burying place and training field and also fifty acurs adjoyning for a pasnaig

12) voted that the town accepted the rode laid out by the select men from m<sup>r</sup> goerg robusons to our proposed meeting house place as it is alraedy markt

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Dudley march the 12<sup>th</sup> 1734

Laid out by the select men a four rod road from the east end of the town of Dudley to our proposed meeting house place as follows beginning on m<sup>r</sup> georg robusons land near his saw mill at a whit oak tree markt on the north sid of the road by a meadow from thence to a stak and heep of stons westerly from the forementioned whit oak on the north sid the road from thence to a stak and heep of stons from thence to a whit oak tree markt from thence to whit oak markt from thence to a wallnut tree a bound mark georg robusens land and Joseph wakfeilds from thence on sd wakfeilds south line to a whit oak stump markt south from his house from thence Runing southwest by the marks as follows to a whit oak markt from thence to a whit oak growing partly on a rock from thence to a small whit oak markt from thence to a whit oak markt near the est line of the mill lott from thence to a red oak markt on the west sid of the brook in the sd mill lott from thence to a whit oak markt on the est sid of the river from thence to a Brig over the river called the french river at the mouth of

powder horn brook from thence to a pitch pin markt on the west sid of sd river from thence to a pitch pin markt near the cart Road on the northly sid from thence in the cart road to a whit berch markt in the edge of a swamp near Banja davises seniers est Lin from thence to a whit oak markt from thence to a gray oak markt on the esterly side a brook Runing into a meadow from thence to whit oak markt northly of sd davises house from thence to a stak and heep of stons near the west Lin of sd Davis from thence to a Stak and heep of stons between clement corbins house and barn from thence to a whit oak markt near Sd corbins west Lin from thence to a chesnut tree markt on the Indians Land from thence to a black oak markt from thence to a gray oak markt from thence to a whit oak markt on fore sids near the cart road that gos from daniel coburns to the indians from thence norwest to a whit oak markt from thence to a whit oak markt north from Joshua pagins feild from thence to a gray oak markt from thence to a pitch pin markt near collicoms wigwom from thence to a popler markt on the esterly sid of the hill called Joshuas hill from thence to a walnut on the top of the hill to our proposed meeting house place these forementioned marks being all on the north or northly sid of sd Road

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town meeting    at a meeting of the inhabitance of the town of dudley regularly asembled at the dwelling house of william carturs in sd town on wensday the 27 day of march 1734    <sup>r</sup> this meeting being adjurnd from the 13 day of this instent march

1) voted that the town accepted the 4 acers of Land of the indians near the north side of there Land on the top of Joshua Pagins hill for a meeting house and burying place and training feild and also to perform the conditions namly to allow the indians a convinant seat or seats in our meeting house when it is up

2) voted that m<sup>r</sup> Samll Morris Sen<sup>r</sup> shall joyn with us in

building a meeting house and to reciev a priviledg according to what charg he is at in building the same

3) voted that a notyfication set up at our meeting house doore where we meet on Sabbath shall be a sufishent warning for the town to come together about any thing refering to our meeting house

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Dudley April 22 1734

this is to notify and requir the several inhabitance of the town of dudley to meet at the dwelling house of william carturs in sd town on thirsd day ye 2 day of may next insuing at one a clock after none then and there to se if the town will act upon the following articles

1) to put out our meeting house frame by the great provided the person or persons which take it will take whate labour they want of the town inhabitance acoording to the town vote

2) to set a price upon slitwork and boards

3) to add to the commitee that was chose to manige the affairs of our meeting house because some refus that was chose

4) for the town to agree upon some method to pay what the town is now in dept because it is imediatly wanted

by order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> conant . town clerk

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at a meeting of the inhabitance of the town of dudley regularly asembled at the dwelling house of william carturs in sd town on thirsd day y<sup>e</sup> 2 day of may 1734

1) voted and chose m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Edmunds moderater for sd meeting

2) voted that the town will put out our meeting house by the great if the commitee that was chose to manaiage that affair can procure and agree with suficient that will take it as to the

hewing and framing part and if they cant procur men to take it by the great then to hier some sufittient workman or men by the day to do the work and likewise what labour they want to take of the town inhabittance according to the town vote

3) voted that the town will Leave the procuring of the slitwork and boards with the comitee to git the same as reasonble as they can

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Dudley august 14 1734

Worseseter ss to the constables philip newell and Jams Corbin greeting you are hearby required forth with to warn the several inhabittance in the town of Dudley in each of your wards to meet at the dwelling house of william carturs in sd town on monday ye 26 day of August instent at one a clock after noone then and there to act upon the following articles

1) to come into some meathod for mending the town high-ways

2) to raise some money to pay m<sup>r</sup> moses marcy for boards and slitword which our commitee has already had of him for our meeting house which amounts to 13-18-0

3) to chuse a person or persons to go down to the honourable judg Dudley and curnul dudley Esqrs concerning the money which there honours gave us incourgment of having towards our meeting house and also to provide meteralse for the meeting house and make your return by order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> conant town clerk

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town meeting at a meeting of the inhabittance of the town of dudley regularly asembled at the dwelling house of william cartur in sd town on monday the 26 day of August 1734

1) voted and chose m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Edmunds moderater for sd meeting

2) voted that the town Leaves it with the select men to proportion every mans labour towards the mending of our highways from time to time as we stand in need according to the rates they pay towards the town chargse

3) voted that part of our Land tax shall defray the charg of the Slitwork and boards which the commitee has already procurd for our meeting house

4) voted Capt Edmunds to address the honourable judge Dudley and curnul dudley Esqrs in behalf of the town concerning the money there honours gave us incourgment of haveing towds our meeting house and also to provide meterels for our meeting house

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110 pound rate made in September 10 1734 and delivered into the constables hands with a warnt to each of the constables philip newell and Jams corbin and these sd Lists and warnts were signd by the select men for the gathering the some total in these lists the Land tax made in desember 1734 of 100-7-0 and delivered into the constables hands philip newell and Jams corbin with a warent and the List signed by the select men for the gathering the some total in sd list

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Dudley october ye 4 1734

Worsister ss this is to notify and and require the several inhabittance of the town of Dudley to meet and asemble themselves at the dwelling house of william carturs in sd town on monday the 14 day of october instent at one a clock after noone then and there to act upon the following articles

1) to prefix a time to raise our meeting house

2) to conclude in what method they will provid for the

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raising our meeting house and also to chuse a committee to take care thereof

3) to chuse a person or persons to procure nails for the inclosing our meeting house

By order of the select men Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant town clerk

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at a meeting of the inhabitation of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at the dwelling house of william carturs in sd town on monday the 14 day of october 1734

1) voted and chose m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Edmunds moderater for sd meeting

2) voted that wensday the 23 day of october instent be the day for the raising of our meeting house

3) voted that the town will come together on tuesday the 22 of this instent at 7 a clock in the morning for the levelling the sills and do what thay can towards raising the house

4) voted m<sup>r</sup> jesse horsmer m<sup>r</sup> Joshua heally m<sup>r</sup> william Cartur for a committee to make provision for the raising our meeting house

5) voted that the charg of raising our meeting house shall be defrayed by a rate

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Worsister ss this is to notify and requir the several inhabitation of the town of Dudley to meet at the Dwelling house of Joseph peppers in sd town on monday ye 23 of desember instent at ten a clock in the morning then and there to act upon the following articles

1) for all persons to bring in their account of what they have done towards our meeting house and to see what the town is now in dept concerning sd meeting house

2) to raise mony to defraye the charg of our meeting house By order of the select men Benja<sup>n</sup> conant town cleuk

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at a meeting of the inhabitation of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at the Dwelling house of Joseph peppers in sd town on monday ye 23 of Desember 1734

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1) voted and chose capt Ebenezer Edmunds moderater for sd meeting

2) voted to have a rate made to defray the whole charg of what the town is is now in dept refering to our meeting house

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january 2 1734<sup>5</sup> a rate made of 57 - 11 - 11 and deliverd into the constables hands namly philip newell and Jams corbin with the Lists and warrents signd by the select men this rate for the defraying the charg of our meeting house

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Dudley fabruary 4 1734<sup>5</sup>

Worsister ss to the constables philip newell and Jams corbin greeting you are hearby requird forthwith to warn the Saveral inhabitation in the town of Dudley in each of your wards to meet at the dwelling house of Joseph peppers in sd town on wednsday the 12 day of fabruary instent at twelve a clock then and their to act upon the following articles

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1) to se weather the town will agree to call and settle a minister as soone as we can conviniently out of those gentlemen we have alreddy herd if not

2) to se weather the town be of a mind to hear more gentlemen before we settle and if the 2 article is what is agreed upon then thirdly

3) to chuse a commitee to procure the same and a place for the minister to board at

and make your return by order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant town clerk

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at a meeting of the inhabitan<sup>c</sup>e of the town of Dudley regularly asembled at the dwelling house of Joseph peppers in Sd town on wednday the 12 day of fabruary 1734<sup>5</sup>

1) voted and chose capt Ebenezer Edmunds moderater for sd meeeting

2) voted that the town will call and settle a minister as soone as we can conviniently out of those gentlemen we have allready heard in case he axcepts of our choice

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Dudley Fabruary ye 20 1734<sup>5</sup>

Worsister ss. to the constables philip newell and Jams Corbin greeting you are hearby required forthwith to warn the several inhabitan<sup>c</sup>e in the town of dudley in each of your wards to meet at the dwelling house of Joseph peppers in sd town on monday the 3 day of march next at a clock in the morning then and their to act upon the following articles

1) to chuse town officers as the Law directs for the year insuing

2) to establish the several highways Laid out for the towns use namly for the Southwest corner for the west end for the norwest corner for the north side for the Southeast corner and from nathan denises near a south cours to Joshua healys

and make your return by order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> conant town clerk

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at a meeting of the inhabitan<sup>c</sup>e of the town of dudley regularly asembld at the dwelling house of Joseph peppers in sd town on monday ye 3 day of march 1735

1) voted and chose m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Edmunds moderater for sd meeting

2) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Edmonds ye first select man

3) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> conant ye 2 select man

4) voted m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan newell ye 3 select man

- 5 voted m<sup>r</sup> clement corbin ye 4 select man
- 6 voted m<sup>r</sup> Joshua heally ye 5 select man
- 7 voted and continued Benja<sup>n</sup> conant town clerk
- 8 voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph pepper constable for the east ed of our town
- 9 voted m<sup>r</sup> roger Stevens constable for the west end of our town
- 10 voted m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan hobbs town treasurer
- 11 voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph wakfeild & m<sup>r</sup> philip corbin survaers of highway for the east End of town
- 12 voted m<sup>r</sup> Benja<sup>n</sup> newell m<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Bacon survaers of highways for the west end o<sup>f</sup> the town
- 13 voted m<sup>r</sup> Samuel child m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Scott survaers of fence
- 14 voted m<sup>r</sup> thomus huchins m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Child hogreavs for ye year insuing
- 15 voted m<sup>r</sup> David Southwick colecter to gather the Land tax out of town and the remainder of ye sd tax in town
- 16 voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph jewell Senier tything man for ye year next
- 17 voted by the town and concurd with the vote of the church that thirsd day ye 27 day of march instent be the day of fasting and prayer in order for the choice of a minester to settle with us
- 18 vote m<sup>r</sup> Jams Corbin Senier by the town to go with m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan hobbs before chosen by the church to interseed with the reverend m<sup>r</sup> Williams of pomfriet and the reverend m<sup>r</sup> troop of woodstock to asist in carrying on the work of day of fasting and prayer before us and also m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Scott chose by ye town to go with m<sup>r</sup> John Lilly before chosen by the church to interseed with the reverend m<sup>r</sup> camill of oxford in carrying on the work of the day of fasting and prayer before us

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the several officers above chosen have taken there oaths as the Law directs

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Dudley march y<sup>e</sup> 13 1735

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worsister ss to the constables Joseph pepper and roger Stevens greeting you are hearby requird forthwith to warn the several inhabtance in the town of Dudley in each of your wards to meet at the dwelling house of Joseph peppers in sd town on thirsd day y<sup>e</sup> 20 day of march instent at three a clock after noone then and there to prefix a day for fasting and prayer in order for the choice of a minister to settle with us in the work of the ministrey by reason our first day we prefix on this ocaion is put by on the account of the publick fast and also to chuse some persons to treat with some gentlemen to carry on the work of the day of fasting and prayer for us and make your return by order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> conant town clerk

an account of what m<sup>r</sup> Samuel moris Senier has done towards buildind our meeting house is the some of fifteen pounds five shilling

town meeting

at a meeting of the inhabtance of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at the dwelling house of Joseph peppers in sd town on thirsd day ye 20 day of march 1735

1) voted and chose m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Edmunds moderater for sd meeting

2) voted by the town and concurd with the vote of the church that thirsd day the 10 day of April next be the day of fasting and prayer with us in order for the choice of a minister to settle with us in the work of the ministry

3) voted and chose the reverend m<sup>r</sup> williams of pomfrit to asist in carrying on the work of sd day of fasting and prayer with us

4) voted m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan newell by the town to go with m<sup>r</sup> richard kidder befor chose by the church to interseed withe

the reverend m<sup>r</sup> camill of oxford to asist in carrying on the work of sd day of fasting and prayer for us

5 voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Edmund by the town to go with m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan hobbs before chose by the church to interseed with the reverend m<sup>r</sup> williams of pomfrit and the reverend m<sup>r</sup> troop of woodstock to asist in carrying on the work of sd day of fasting and prayer for us

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Dudley march y<sup>e</sup> 20 1735

Worcester ss to the constables Joseph pepper and Roger Stevens greeting you are hearby required forthwith to warn the several inhabitance in the town of Dudley in each of your wards to meet at our meeting house in sd town on thirsday the tenth day of April next insuing then and the to make choice of a minister out of those gentlemen we have already heard to settle with us in the work of the ministry after our fast excirses is over after noone and make your return by order of the select men

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Benja<sup>n</sup> conant town clerk

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at a meeting of the inhabitance of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on thirsday ye tenth day of April 1735

town meeting

1) voted and chose m<sup>r</sup> Jams corbin senier moderater for sd meeting

2) voted and chose the reverend m<sup>r</sup> perlly how to settle with us in the work of the ministry by a great majority both by church and town

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Dudley April ye 11 1735

Worcester ss to the constables Joseph pepper and Roger

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Stevens greeting you are hearby required forthwith to warn the several inhabtance of the town of Dudley in each of your wards to meet at our meeting house in sd town on thirsday ye 17 day of instent at 12 a clock then and there to act upon the following articles

1) to grant what settlement and sallerry you are willing to allow to the reverend m<sup>r</sup> perlly how which we have allready chose for our minister

2) to chuse a commitee to present the towns call and proposals to the sd m<sup>r</sup> perlly how and make your return by order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> conant town clerk

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town meeting at a meeting of the inhabtance of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on thirsday ye 17 day of April 1735

1) voted and chose m<sup>r</sup> georg robinson moderater for sd meeting

2) voted to give the reverand m<sup>r</sup> perlly how which we have already chose for our minister for his settlement the lot of Land that curnel Dudley gave to the town on that account together with on hundred pounds the first year the one half in money and the other half in labour in case the sd m<sup>r</sup> how shall settle with us

3) voted to the sd m<sup>r</sup> how for his yearly sallerry one hundred pounds a year and the sam to rise and fall as the vallation of money shall be for the futtuer

4) voted and chose capt Ebenezer Edmunds Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant and Leftenent Jonathan newell for a commitee to present our call and proposals to the sd m<sup>r</sup> perlly how

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Dudley maye y<sup>e</sup> 5 1735

warnt Worcester ss to the constables Joseph pepper and Roger



Stevens greeting      you are hearby required forthwith to warn the several inhabtance in the town of Dudley in each of your wards to meet at our meeting house in sd town on wedensday ye 14 day of may instent at one a clock after noone then and there to act upon the following articles

- 1) to receive the reverend m<sup>r</sup> hows answer to the town
- 2) to grant m<sup>r</sup> howe his yearly fire wood in case the sd m<sup>r</sup> howe shall settle with us and desire the same
- 3) to prefix a day for the ordination in case m<sup>r</sup> hows answer shall be to settle with us
- 4) to agree with some pertickeler person to make provison for the sd ordination if we shall proseed to have one or to chuse a committee take care of the same and also a house for the ministers meesingers and gentlemen to dine at and make your return      by order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> conant      town clerk

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to the inhabitants of the town of Dudley

Gentlemen

Whereas you have been inclind to give me an invitation to settle with you in ye great work of the ministry when I consider my own unworthyness for such a service & my insufficiency of my self to perform the same as I ought I cannot but be exceding fearfull of taking such a charg upon me But beleiving that the grace of that God who has called me to this work will be sufficient for me and hoping that you always consider ministers of the gosple as fellow men with your selves and subject to like passion with others and therefore will be candid and ingenuous towards them and so I shall not deny you your request and as to the things of this life neicssary for human support I have no need to tell you that the price of such things is Daily rising and that there is the prospect of Dearer living still and gentlemen I trust that you are all agreed that A minister of Christ ought to have an honnourable maintainance suitable to his sacred charecter & station that he may not be

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answer

Abligd to intangle himself with the affairs of this life and I make no question but hartly willing to communicate to him that teacheth in all good thing for so hath the Lord ordained that those which preach the gosple should live of the gosple perswading my self therefore & depending upon this that as your outward circumstances increase and grow better you will proportionably & chearfully contribute to the bettering the condition & accomodations of him who labours among you in word and doctrine I say depending upon this that you will not tye me up to the Salerry you have already voted me when you shall be able to give more and my necesstety requirs the same I accept of your call and invitation to settle among you in the great work of the ministry provided you consent to the following proposals viz

1 that you secure to me 115 acurs of land designd by coll<sup>d</sup> Dudley for the help of the town in settleing a minister by a good warrent fee Deed from your select men

2) that you find and bring to my Dwelling house a sufficiency of cord wood for the maintainance of my own fires yearly and whereas you have generously voted me one hundred pounds besids the above sd lott of land as a consideration for my settling with you I would by no means be thought or understood to slight such an offer but when I consider the infancy of your town and the great charg you have been and still are at considering your number and ability & the difficulty of procuring of money at this day I should chuse that you would not Ablige your selves to pay that hundred pound by a rate but desire to leave every man to his free liberty to give me either in money or in labour as a consideration for settleing with you as much as he pleaseth not desiring any man to give more then he thinks he ought give towards the support of the gosple nothing doubting but that you will all remember that he which soweth plentifully shall reep plentifully thus requesting an interest in your addresses to heaven at all tims that I may be enabled to fullfill my ministry and asuring you that I shall bear you upon my heart before god continually and wishing you all imaginable temperal happiness & filicity But

especially most earnestly desiring present future and everlasting  
happiness of your souls I subscribe yours

for Jesus sake

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at a meeting of the inhabitance of the town of Dudley regu- town meeting  
larly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on wedensday  
ye 14 day of may 1735

1) voted and chose m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Edmunds moderater for sd  
meeting

2) voted and chose Jonathan newell clerk for sd meeting

3) voted that the town will find m<sup>r</sup> howe a sufficiency of  
cord wood for his own firs cut and carted to his dwelling house  
in sd town and if any person or persons chusis rather to do  
his proportion in money towards the same there is liberty for  
it and to do the same yearly so long as the sd m<sup>r</sup> howe shall  
be our minister

4) voted that the second wedensday of june next insuing  
shall be the day of ordination

5) voted and chose clement corbin and Joshua healy to  
provid for the ordination

6) voted that the town will give sd corbin and healy twenty  
pounds in money to defray the ordination charge

7) voted and chose m<sup>r</sup> williams of pomfrit m<sup>r</sup> cambel of  
oxford m<sup>r</sup> troop of woodstock m<sup>r</sup> peebody of natick m<sup>r</sup> cabit of  
thompson and m<sup>r</sup> walter of Roxbury to asist us in the ordina-  
tion of the reverend m<sup>r</sup> perley howe to the work of the ministry  
in Dudley

the day of the reverend m<sup>r</sup> perley hows ordination to the  
work of ye ministry in Dudley was on the 12 day of june 1735  
and the sd m<sup>r</sup> howe was the first minister that ever was settled  
in sd town and the gentlemen that ordained m<sup>r</sup> howe to sd

work was the reverend m<sup>r</sup> troop of woodstock the reverend  
m<sup>r</sup> peebody of natick and the reverend m<sup>r</sup> walter of Roxbury

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Dudley october y<sup>e</sup> 3 1735

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Worcester ss to constable Joseph pepper greeting you  
are hearby requird forthwith to warn the several inhabitan-  
ce in the town of Dudley in your ward to meet at our meeting  
house in sd town on friday the tenth day of october instent at  
ten a clock in the morning then and there to act upon the  
following articles viz

- 1) to se what the town is in dept
- 2) to grant money to defray the charge of our town
- 3) to chuse a colector to gather our land tax
- 4) to se what proposals the town will make to william  
cartur for the county rode thats laid through his lot
- 5) and that all persons to whome the town is in dept bring  
in there account to the select men 2 or 3 days befor the meet-  
ing and make your return by order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> conant town clerk

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town meeting at a meeting of the inhabitan-  
ce of the town of Dudley regu-  
larly asembled at our meeting house in sd town on friday ye  
tenth day of october 1735

- 1) voted and chose m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Edmunds moderater for sd  
meeting
  - 2) voted and grant to defray what charge the town has  
been at towards our meeting house 313-6-2
  - 3) voted and chose David Southwick colector to gather our  
Land tax within town and out of town and to alow sd South-  
wick twelve pence per pound for all the money he colects
  - 4) voted to william cartur twenty shillings for the county  
rod thats laid through his lot east from his house
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Dudley April y<sup>e</sup> 9 1733

A highway laid out by the select men of sd town from the southwest corner of the town of Dudley as follows begining at woodstock line south from Ebenezer Edmundses from thence estward to the river called quinibog were there is now a foot brig from the river eastward to a larg whit oak on the south sid the highway from thens to a stak and heep of stons on judge Dudleys land straight to John burnuls bars and then one half on judg Dudley land and one half on Joseph Edmunds land up to the corner of sd Edmundss land from thens north between sd Edmundses land and Ebenezer bacons land through there lots and so straight to the south of Joshua healeys house and on the north side of his barn and straight through sd healeys land and philip newells land to the foot brig thats over sd newells brook from thens to our meeting house as the path now gose

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Dudley April 30 1733

A highway laid out by the select men of sd town begining at m<sup>r</sup> pumpilliens land runing south to Joseph putney jun<sup>s</sup> house and from the south sid of sd putneys house about east pritty straight to Ebenezer coburns feild bars and so through the corner of sd coburn feild and so on the southwest sid of sd coburn hill to Jonathan hobbsses land from thens to the laine at the west end of nathan denises house one rode on sd denises land and one rode on Ebenezer coburns land and through sd denises land west of his house straight to the north end of roger Stevenses and thomas huchinses laine and so between sd Stevens and huchins and mackintier on the east sid of huchins and mackintiers Staks the whole of this roode is stakt out two rod wide down to philip newells land

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Dudley may 12 1734

A highway laid out by the select men of said town as follows begining in the north part of Jonathan hobbsses land on the southwest sid of his hill and so through his lain by the west end of his house to a larg whit oak tree markt on the east side on the north part of roger stevenses lot from thens straight through Joshua Claflins land to a small whit oak markt on Benja<sup>n</sup> conants land on the west sid of a small run from thens to the north end of sd conants lain along by several whit oaks markt on the east sid were the lain is now fencet so along the lain by the west end of his house from thence pritty straight to a large chesnut markt on jaazaniah horsmers land west from his house from thens straight to the east end of Joseph peppers house by several markt trees one larg chesnut and two small wallnuts from thens to a larg whit oak stump with a stake and heap of stons southwest from sd peppers swamp from thens to a stake and heap of stons on sd peppers hill at the north end of william carturs lain and so along sd carturs lain to his house this rood being about a southeast corse from sd hobbsses and all on the northeast sid of sd marks and this rood is also allowed two rode wid and whereas m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Scott had it proposed to him to have a rood on the east end of his lot he utterly refused it and said he desid<sup>d</sup> none any nearer then the select men should lay it

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Dudley April 30 1733

A highway laid out by the select men of sd town begun at the north end of william carturs lain and so east to the end of thomas cheeny lain from thens runing about north on the east end of Joseph peppers land so through Jams corbin jun<sup>s</sup> land between his house and barn from thens through thomas newells land about north to the southeast corner of nathan ramdsils lot from thence by the east sid of sd ramdsils land north about



one 100 rod to a small walnut tree from thence west to sd  
rams dils barn yard or between his house & barn

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a highway laid out by the select men of Dudley and consented  
to by the persons concerned begining at Benja<sup>n</sup> newells west line  
and through his feild between the old feild and the new on the  
back to the brook were the path now is north of his orchard  
from thence to a markt tree in the northwest corner of samuel  
Scotts fence in the divition line between sd newell and sd  
Scott from thence east to the south side of Scotts new house  
along the lain as tis now fencet over Scotts brook by the bever  
dame and from the southeast end of the lain straight to the  
south corner of the great medew to a large whit oake tree  
markt on the north side of the roode from thence about east to  
the south side of John richs house from thence southeast to  
a black oake tree markt on the west side of the roode beyound  
his barn from thence southeast to a large whit oak tree near  
jewells line and to Joseph jewells line from thence east on sd  
jewells land to his northeast corner from thence baring east  
and beneth a cross Benja<sup>n</sup> newells and jonathan newells land  
pritty straight to the northwest corner of samuel newells hun-  
dred acure lot this roode containing two rode in width

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these several highways hear enterd in this Book an account  
of them were brought in at our aneuel meeting in march 1735  
and accepted by the town

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rats made in october 1735 and deliverd into the constables  
hands constable peppers lists for the minister and town  
130-11-0 constable stevens lists for the minister and town

180-2-9      these severel lists with warnts for gathering the same signd by the select men and delivered to the constables

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meeting

at a meeting of the inhabitance of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday the first day of march 1736

1) voted and chose m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan hobbs moderater for sd meeting

2) voted to have but three select men for the year insuing

3) voted Joseph Edmunds y<sup>e</sup> first select man

4) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> conant y<sup>e</sup> second select man

5) voted Sam :<sup>ll</sup> Bayley y<sup>e</sup> third select man

6) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> conant town clerk

7) voted Jonathan hobbs town treasurer

8) voted Joshua healy constable for the west end of the town

9) voted Jonathan newell and william cartur tything men

10) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Davis and nathan denis survaers of fence

11) voted Jonathan newell and thomus cheney survaers of highways for ye west end

12) voted georg robinson and Sam :<sup>ll</sup> child survaers of highway for ye east end

13) voted Benjamin white and Joshua claffin hog reaves

14) voted that swine shall go at large being yoked and ringed as the law directs

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Dudley march 9 1736

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Worcester ss      to constable Joseph pepper and Joshua healy greing      you are hearby requird forthwith to warn the severel inhabitance in the town of Dudley in each of your wards to meet at our meeting house in sd town on tuesday y<sup>e</sup>

16 day of march instente at 2 a clock after noone then and there to act upon the following articles

- 1) to chuse a constable for the east end of the town
- 2) to agree with a person or persons to prepare stuff for the pullpit and the body seats and the ministers pue against another year and make your return by order of the select men Benja<sup>n</sup> conant town clerk

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at a meeting of the inhabitance of the town of Dudley regu- town meeting  
lerly at our meeting house in sd town on tusday ye 16 day of  
march 1736

1) voted and chose m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Edmunds moderatr for sd meeting

2) voted william cartur constable for the east end of y<sup>e</sup> town

3) voted and chose m<sup>r</sup> georg robinson to prepare stuff for the pullpit and ministers pue and the body seat against another year

these several officers above namd have taken there oaths as the law directs oaths

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Dudley maye y<sup>e</sup> 13 1736

Worcester ss to the constables Joshua healey and william cartur greeting you are hearby requird forwith to warn the several inhabitance of the town of Dudley in each of your wards to meet at our meeting house in sd town on wensday y<sup>e</sup> 19 day of may instent at three a clock after noon then and there to chuse a deputy for this year and mek your return by order of

Joseph Edmunds } Select  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Bayley } men

By virtue of this warnt we have warnd the several inhabi- warnt  
tance of the town of Dudley in each of our wards to meet at

time and place within mentioned  
cartur constables

Joshua healey william

we the subscribers select men of Woodstock and Dudley have mett on ye 17 day of may 1736 according to y<sup>e</sup> notification given agreable to the laws of the province of the massech<sup>ts</sup> Bay with the assistence of cap<sup>t</sup> william chandler survayere preambulated and renew the Bounds Between the sd townships of Woodstock and Dudley and begone at a certain heap of stons in the east Bounds of sd Woodstock in the strait line between the sd province of ye massetusetts Bay and colony of coneticut which is also one of southwest corners of sd township of Dudley which we renewed and in the east Bounds of sd Woodstock we next markt a white oak tree which is the north-west corner of the honourable judge Dudleys land we then markt a white oak tree which is the north east corner of Woodstock above sd we then proceaded in the sd preambulation and renewed the marks in north bounds of Woodstock above sd the first wareof was a white oak tree the next was a hemlock tree in a swomp which we renewed the third was a heap of stons under the top of a fallen whit oak tree the fourth was a heap of stons on the top of pin island medow hill in which sd heap of stons is a stone markt with with the letter following viz W I R I 1715 the next mark was a popler tree which we renewed and then we renewed a ded red oak tree at the west foot of pine island medow hill the next mark was a gray oak tree and then a heap of stons and then another gray oak tree all which sd marks we renewed we then renewed a heap of stons the southwest corner of colonel fichis farm which is also another southwest corner of the township of sd dudley at which corner we left as wittness our hands the day and year above sd

Jon <sup>tn</sup> payson	}	Select men of woodstock
Ebenezer child		
Joseph Edmunds	}	Select men of Dudley
Benja <sup>n</sup> Conant		

September ye 23 1736 the ministers rate made and delivered into the constables hands with warnts for colecting the same signd by the select men

Constable healys List 63-2-2

Constable Carturs List 53-6-3

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Dudley February ye 25 1736-7

Worcester ss to constable Joshua healey greeting you are hearby required forthwith to warn the several inhabitance of the town of Dudley to meet at our meeting house in sd town on monday ye 7th day of march next insuing then and there to act upon the following articles

warnt

1) to chuse town officers for the year insuing

2) to accept of the several highway laid out for the town use the first from thomus cheneys the secound from samuel childes the third from Samuel richardsons and make your return by order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant town clerk

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at a meeting of the inhabitance of the town of Dudley regularly asembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday ye 7 day of march 1737

our aneuel  
meeting

1) voted and chose m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Edmunds moderater for sd meeting

2) voted to have five select men for the year insuing

3) voted Joseph Edmunds y<sup>e</sup> first select man

4) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> conant y<sup>e</sup> secound select man

5) voted Samuel Bayley y<sup>e</sup> third select man

6) voted Samuel newell y<sup>e</sup> fourth select man

7) voted Jonathan hobbs y<sup>e</sup> fifth select man

8) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant town clerk

9) voted Jonathan hobbs town treasurer

10) voted nathan ramsdil constable for y<sup>e</sup> east end of y<sup>e</sup>

town and also Ebenezer bacon constable for y<sup>e</sup> west end of ye town

- 11) voted Joseph jewell juner colector to gather our land tax
- 12) voted Samuel corbin and Joseph Wakfeild surveyers for highways the east end of the town
- 13) voted thomus cheney and Joshua claflin surveyers of highways for y<sup>e</sup> west end of the town
- 14) voted Joseph pepper and Benja<sup>n</sup> newell tything men for the year insuing
- 15) voted Daniel coburn juner and uriah richardson hog reaves for the year insuing
- 16) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> white and paul rich fence veweirs for the year insuing
- 17) voted by the town and accepted of the several highways for the towns use namly from thomus cheney's to cornul ficks land and from Samuel childes to the indian land and from Samuel richardsons or from oxford line by kidders and Lillis to our meeting house and also a two rod rood from Benja<sup>n</sup> whits norwest cornur bounds to the other rood on cornul dudleys land by John Lillis north line

I Benja<sup>n</sup> white do now at this present meeting enter my desent against the vote that was past on the highway that comes from oxford line by kidders and lillis to our meeting house the several officers before mentioned have mostly taken there oaths as the Lawe directs

#### *Dudley Fabruaray y<sup>e</sup> 27 1735-6*

a highwaye laid out by the select men of sd town and agreed upon by the persons concernd beginning at captain pumpilins line and runing south about sixty rode to a small black oak markit from thence through the cornur of thomus cheney's inclosuer to the brook called seeder swomp brook were the fence now is from thence on the north side of sd cheney's house from thence about south east near as the path now gose to the south side of Elisha Sabins house through his gardin to a small whit



oak tree markt on the northeast sid of sd rood and through the corner of sd Sabins inclosuer by a large whit oak tree on the east side of sd rood from thence to a markt pich pine tree on the west side of sd rood near the norwest corner of David Southwick fence and through sd Southwicks inclosuer on the bank by the intervale and so by the east end of his house and barn straight to cornul fichis line and the whole of sd rood from sd cheney to sd fichs line being about a southeast corse and this rood is allowed to be two rod and a half wide

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Dudley november y<sup>e</sup> 23 1736

a highwaye laid out by the select men of sd town as follows begining at Samuel childes house north to a black oak stump markt in the line between John brackit and sd childss from thence to a stake and heep of stons in another line between sd childss and sd brackit and straight to a chasnut stump in sd brackits land from thence straight to a white oake tree markt in Benja<sup>n</sup> Chamberlins land near the path thats now trod and and as the path now gos to a pich pine markt in sd chamberlins land from thence to heeps of stons in sd chamberlins land from thence as the path now gos to clement corbins southeast corner bounds in the path and as the path now gos on John robins land south of his house and from his house as the path now gos to a sartin white oake tree markt in the north east corner of judge dudley farm and so to the indian line and this rood being about a northwest corse three rode wid and the above mentioned marks all on the northeast sid of sd rood

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Dudley march y<sup>e</sup> 4th 1737

A highwaye laid out by by the select men of sd town for the towns use as follows begining at oxford line on on the graet hills on this sid oxford brige were the path is now trod and the path now gose to a large white oak tree markt on Samuel

richardson land by the south sid of sd path from thence to a large white oak tree markt on sd richardson land a little south-east from his house from thence through richard kidders land by the north end of his house and so by the northwest corner of sd kidders fence were the path now is to a white oake tree markt in sd kidders land from thence to a black oak tree markt on curnul dudleys land from thence to a white oak tree markt near John lillis north line and so by a large white oak tree markt in sd lillis land and so to the north end of sd lillis stone wall and on the east sid of sd wall and so to the brook were the path now is between Samuel corbins two peaces of meddow and from sd brook were the path is now trod through sd corbins land and through william carturs land and through the southeast corner of Samuel bayleys land and through y<sup>e</sup> reverend m<sup>r</sup> howes land south of his house we say were the path is now trod and through sd carturs lain to our meeting house and the above mentioned marks are all on the southeast side of sd rood and this sd rood being about a southerly corse baering to the west and is allowed to be four rod wide and allso a rood for Benja<sup>n</sup> white from the norwest corner of his land on cornul Dudleys land by John Lillis north line by a white oake tree markt near sd line this rood is allowed to be two rod wide into the other rood that coms from oxford line by John lillis to our meeting house and all these fourmentioned roods were all brought in at our aneuel meeting in march 1737 and accepted by the town

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Dudley march y<sup>e</sup> 25 1737

warnt

Worcester ss to the constables nathan ramsdil and Ebenezer Bacon greeting you are hearby required forthwith the several inhabitance in the town of dudley in each of your wards to meet at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 4th day of April next at twelve a clock then and there to act upon the following articles

1) to proseed to do something furtherre to our meeting

house v<sup>z</sup> to build the pullpit the ministers pew and the body seats and also to chuse a commitee to git this work done

2) to hire schoolling for our children a reading school for summer and a writing school for winter and likewise to chuse a commitee to provide for schooling

3) to see if the town will give liberty for the building a stable or stables by our meeting house to those persons that shall appear to build the same

4) to fill up the town with town officers for ye year insuing and your return by order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> conant      town clerk

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at a meeting of the inhabitance of the town of Dudley regu- town meeting  
lerly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday  
the forth day of April 1737

1) voted and chose m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Edmunds moderater for sd meeting

2) a vote was ask if they would do something further to our meeting house and the vote was on the negative

3) voted that any person or persons that have a mind to build a stable or stables on the fore acurs of land at our meeting house on either of the lins they have liberty

4) voted Elisha Sabin surveyer of highways for y<sup>e</sup> year insuing

5) voted Ebenezer davison fence vewer for the year insuing

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Dudley may y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1737

Worcester ss      to the constables nathan ramsdil and Eben-  
ezer Bacon greeting      you are hearby required forthwith to  
warn the several inhabitance of the town of Dudley in each of  
your wards to meet at our meeting house in sd town on  
wensday the 18<sup>th</sup> day of maye instent at 3 a clock after noone

warnt

than and there to chuse a representative to atend on the great  
and and general court to be held in Bostun on the 25 of this  
instent and also to provid stuff to do sumthing further to our  
meeting house and likewise to chuse a commitee for the same  
and make your return by order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> conant town clerk

no meeting nothing acted on this warnt

Sep<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1737

The minsters rate made and delivered into the constables  
hands with warnts for gathering the same

the west end list—54-8-6

the east end list—45-19-6

Dudley September y<sup>e</sup> 13 1737

warnt

Worcester ss to the constables Nathan ramsdil and Eb-  
enezer bacon greeting you are hearby requird forthwith to  
warnt the several inhabitance in each of your wards in the town  
of Dudley to meet at our meeting house in sd town on tusday  
y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> day of Sep<sup>t</sup> instent at one a clock after noone then and  
there to act upon the following articles

1) to agree upon some proper nathed for procuring the  
reverend m<sup>r</sup> howes firewood

2) to se if the town will agree that a notification set up at  
our meeting house shall be a suficent warning for the inhabi-  
tance of this town to bring in there invoice for the futuer  
and make your return by order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant town clerk

town meeting at a meeting of the inhabitance of the town of Dudley regu-

lerly asembled at our meeting house in sd town on tuesday y<sup>e</sup>  
20<sup>th</sup> day of September 1737

- 1) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Edmunds moderater for sd meeting
- 2) voted to find y<sup>e</sup> reverend m<sup>r</sup> howes 30 cord of cord wood  
by a rate cut and carted to his house and corded up
- 3) voted ten pounds ten shillings to find m<sup>r</sup> hows firwood  
for this year and that every man shall have liberty to do his  
proportion in labour or monye

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Dudley november y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1737

Worcester ss to the constables nathan ramsdil and Eb-  
enezer bacon greeting you are hearby requird forthwith to  
warn the several inhabitance of the town of Dudley in each of  
your wards to meet at our meeting house in sd town on friday  
y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> of november instent at one a clock after noon then and  
there to act upon the following aarticle

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- 1) to procure stuff for doing sumthing more to our meeting  
house namly the pullpit the body seats the ministers pue and  
deceons seat
- 2) to chuse a commitee to git the sd work done
- 3) to see if the town will tax the Dudleys Land and  
make your return by order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> conant town clerk

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at a meeting of the inhabitance of the town of Dudley regu- town meeting  
lerly asembled at our meeting house in sd town on friday y<sup>e</sup>  
18<sup>th</sup> day of november 1737

- 1) voted and chose decean Edmunds moderater for sd  
meeting
- 2) voted to procure stuff to do sumthing more to our meet-  
ing house namly the pullpit the body seats the minesters pue  
and deceans seat
- 3) voted and chose Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant william cartur and ma-

nasah horsmere for a commitee to procure the above mentioned stuff for our meeting house and to git the sd work done as soone as may be with conveniency

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our anual  
meeting

at a meeting of the inhabittance of the town of Dudley regularly asembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> day of march 1738

1) voted and cose m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Edmunds moderater for sd meeting

2) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> conant town clerk

3) voted to have five select men for the year insuing

4) voted Joseph Edmunds the first select man

5) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> conant the second select man

6) voted Jonathan hobbs the third select man

7) voted Samuel newell the fourth select man

8) voted Samuel Bayley the fifth select man

9) voted Joseph Edmunds town treasurer

10) voted Joseph Wakfeild constable for the east end of y<sup>e</sup> town

11) voted nathan Denis constable for the west end of the town

12) voted Joseph pepper and Benja<sup>n</sup> Davis survayers for the east end of y<sup>e</sup> town

13) voted John Burnel and Ebenezer coburn survayers for the west end of y<sup>e</sup> town

14) voted John Brackit and Elijah Dodge fence vewere for the year insuing

15) voted Joseph jewel senr and Jacob Bradbery tything men

16) voted that swine shall go at large

17) voted John robins and John rich jun<sup>er</sup> hogs reves for y<sup>e</sup> year insuing

18) voted Jonathan newell sealer of waits and maesurs and these above mentioned officcers have taken there oaths as the Lawe directs

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Dudley may y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1738

Worcester ss      to eithere of the constables of the town of  
Dudley greeting      you are hearby requird forthwith to warn  
the several inhabtance of the town of Dudley to meet at our  
meeting house in sd town on tusday the 23 day of may instent  
at one a clock after noone then and there to act upon the fol-  
lowing articles

1) to chuse a representitive to sarve at the great and  
general court to be holden at Boston this year during there  
sesions

2) to se if town will consider the reverend m<sup>r</sup> howe as to  
mak some addition to his salerry

3) to propos sume method in disposing the room in the  
meeting house for the puses      and make your return by  
order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> conant      town clerk

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meeting

at a meeting of the inhabtance of the town of Dudley regu-  
lerly asembled at our meeting house in sd town on tusday the  
twenty third day of may 1738

1) voted and Decean Edmunds moderater for sd meeting

2) a vote was askt weather the town would send a deputy  
to the general and they declind sending

3) voted twenty pounds in addition to the reverend m<sup>r</sup>  
hows salerry for this year

4) vote to the reverend m<sup>r</sup> howe a roome in our meeting  
for a pue perticlerly to himself and family on the same footing  
that the rest of the roome shall Be disposed of      this vote con-  
cerning the pue was in answer to m<sup>r</sup> hows request

5) voted that those persons which have the roome in the  
meeting house for the puse shall build the same

*Dudley Town Records, 1738.*

the east end of the town rate to y<sup>e</sup> minister 59-16-3

the west end of the town rate to y<sup>e</sup> minister 73- 1-0

the east end of the town rate to y<sup>e</sup> province 19-19-5

the west end of the town rate to y<sup>e</sup> province 24-10-3

these sd rats were made and delivered into the constables hands with a warnt to each for colecting the same namly to Joseph wakfield constable for the east end and nathan Denis constable for the west end of the town

Dudley September ye 29<sup>th</sup> 1738

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Ddley november y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1738

warnt Worcester ss to the constables Joseph wakfield and nathan Denis greeting you are hearby requird forthwith to warn the several inhabitance of the town of Dudley in each of your wards to meet at our meeting house in sd town on friday the first day of December next at two a clock after noone then and there to act upon the following articles

viz to chuse a select man in y<sup>e</sup> roome of m<sup>r</sup> Bayley late removed and make your return by order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant town clerk

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meeting at a meeting of the inhabitance of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd on friday the first day of December 1738

1) voted and chose Decean Edmunds moderater for sd meeting

2) voted Jonathan hobbs clerk for sd meeting

3) voted captain Edmunds select man in m<sup>r</sup> Bayleys roome late removed

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Dudley December y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1738

warnt Worcester ss to the constables Joseph wakfeild and

nathan Denis greeting      you are hearby requird forthwith  
to warn the several inhabtance of the town of Dudley in each  
of your wards to meet at our meeting house in sd town on  
tuesday ye 20<sup>th</sup> day of December instent at ten a clock in the  
fore noone then and there to act upon the following articles

1) to se weather the town will give the reverend m<sup>r</sup> howe  
ten pounds to provid his firewood for this year or provid him  
a sufishencie of firwood according to the town vote.

2) to vote howe many pews they will have in the meeting  
house

3) to Dispos of the pews in our meeting house to those  
persons as the town shall think proper and likewise upon  
what footing they shall have and injoye them

4) to chuse a commitee if the town shall think needfull  
and make your return by order of the select

Benja<sup>n</sup> conant      town clerk

at a meeting of the inhabtance of the town of Dudley regu-  
lly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on tuesday y<sup>e</sup>  
26<sup>th</sup> day of December 1738

meeting

1) voted and chose decean Edmunds moderater for sd  
meeting

2) voted to the reverend m<sup>r</sup> howe ten pounds in mony for  
this year to provid his one firwood for this year

3) voted have seventeen pews in our meeting house on the  
lower flower

4) voted and reconsiderd thee vote that past the 23 day of  
may last that the reverend m<sup>r</sup> howe should have a pewe in our  
meeting house to himself and family

5) voted that those persons that are inhabtance of the town  
which have been highest in the chargs of the town sence we  
were incorporated into a township shall have the pews in our  
meeting house

6) voted that those persons which the pews are voted to  
they and there heirs are to inchoye them during there abode in

*Dudley Town Records, 1738-9.*

the town and if they remove out of the town then there pews are to return to the towns disposal the town paying those persons there first cost in building the same

7) voted to the honourable curnul Dudley roome in our meeting house for a pewe if his honour desirs the same

8) voted to m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> morris senier roome in our meeting house for a pewe for he and his wife during there life to set in the fore seats

9) voted the select men as a commitee to sarch the lists to find who is highest in the chargs of the town and make return thereof to the town

Dudley January y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1738-9

warnt

Worcester ss to the constables Joseph wakfield and nathan Denis greeting you are hearby requird forthwith to warn the several inhabitance of Dudley in each of your wards to meet at our meeting house in sd town on tusday the 16<sup>th</sup> day of january instent at one a clock after noone then and there to act on the following articles

1) for the town to receive the commitees return to the town relating to the pews in our meeting house

2) to confirm the pews to those persons they belong unto according to the town vots and make your return by order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant town clerk

meeting

at a meeting of the inhabitance of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on tusday the 16<sup>th</sup> of january 1738-9

1) voted and chose esq<sup>r</sup> vintin moderater for sd meeting

2) voted not to except of the commitees return to the town relating to the pews in our meeting house

Dudley janauary y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1738-9

Worcester ss            to the constables Joseph wakfield and            warnt  
nathan Denis greeting    you are hearby requird forthwith to  
warn the several inhabitance of the town of dudley in each of  
your wards to meet at our meeting house in sd town on friday  
the 26<sup>th</sup> day of january instent at one a clock after noone then  
and there to act upon the following artcils

1) to hear the commitees report to the town relating to the  
pews in our meeting house

2) to confirm the pews to those persons they belong unto  
according to the town vote            and make your return by order  
of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant            town clerk

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at a meeting of the inhabitance of the town of Dudley regu-  
lerly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on friday the  
26th day of january 1738-9

town meeting

1) voted and chose Decean Edmunds moderater for sd  
meeting

2) voted in answer to the reverend m<sup>r</sup> hows request that  
the minesterial pewe shall be built at the west end of the pulpit  
adjoining to the pulpit stairs

3) voted to confirm the pews to those persons which have  
been highst in the chargs according to the formere vote of the  
town relating to the pews in our meeting house

4) voted to the honourable cornul Dudley a pewe adjoining  
to the east end of the pulpit

5) voted to Decean Edmunds the norwest corner pewe

6) voted to william cartur a pewe adjoining to the east sid  
the front doore

7) voted to Joshua healy a pewe adjoining to the west sid  
the front doore

8) voted to Sam<sup>ll</sup> newell the midle pewe in the north sid  
of the meeting house east from the pulpit

*Dudley Town Records, 1738-9.*

9) voted to cap<sup>t</sup> Edmunds a pewe on the south sid the west doore

10) voted to Esq<sup>r</sup> vintin a pewe adjoining on the north sid the east doore

11) voted to georg robinson a pewe adjoining on the south sid the east doore

12) voted to clement corbin a pewe adjoining on the north sid the west doore

13) voted to Joseph Scott Senier y<sup>e</sup> pewe adjoining to william carturs

14) voted to Ebenezer Bacon a pewe adjoining to Joshua healys

15) voted to Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant a pewe in the northeast corner of the meeting house

16) voted to Daniel Coburn Sen<sup>r</sup> ye midle pew adjoining to Esq<sup>r</sup> vintins

17) voted to David Southwick the midle pewe adjoining to clement corbins

Dudley february y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1738-9

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Worcester ss to the constables Joseph wakfield and nathan Denis greeting you are hearby requird forthwith to warn the several inhabitance of the town of Dudley in each of your wards to meet at our meeting house in sd town on tusday the 20th day of february instent at one a clock after noone then and there to act upon the following articiles

1) to dispose of the pewe we voted to cornul Dudley sence that cornul Dudley has not accepted the towns offore

2) to dispose of them two pews under the stairs to those persons the town shall think proper and make your return by order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant town clerk



at a meeting of the inhabitation of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of february 1738-9 meeting

1) voted and chose Decean Edmunds moderater for sd meeting

2) voted that m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup> morris Sen<sup>r</sup> shall have that pewe adjoining to the east end of the pullpit upon cornul Dudley refusing the same the sd m<sup>r</sup> morris and his heirs are to injoye the sd pew upon there paying what is behind towards the chargs of our meeting house in proportion to what another has paid that has a pewe of the like Dignity and also so long as they shall pay towards the chargs of our town refering to finishing the meeting house and the ministers rate and if the sd m<sup>r</sup> morris or his heirs shall neglect or refuse to pay theree proportion of the sd chargs then the sd pewe is to return to the town again

3) voted to m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan newell that pewe adjoining to the west part of m<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer bacons

m<sup>r</sup> georg robinson Jams corbin Joseph putney nathan denis Sam<sup>ll</sup> Corbin paul robinson & nathan rafmsdill these persons above named now at this present meeting do hear enter there desent against this vote relating to m<sup>r</sup> morrises having a pewe in our meeting house

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Dudley march y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>t</sup> 1739

Worcester ss to the constabels Nathan Dennies and Joseph Wakfeild greeting you are hearby Required forthwith to warn the several inhabetance of the Town of Dudley in your wards to meet at our meeting house in sd Town on fryday the 30<sup>th</sup> day of march instant at eight of the clock in the morning then and there to act upon one of the following articles as first to confirm the proceedings of our last meeting which was on the first monday of this instant march provided that the honourabel judge Chandler shall say that the Towns voting to go on in our former method will qualify our select a warnt for  
our anuel  
meeting

men to dispos of land in order to procure our land tax and if not then secondly to purge the meeting as the Law directs and com to a new choice of Town officers and make your returns by order of the select men

Benjmain Conant Town Clerk

by virtue of this warent I have warned the several inhabetance of the town of Dudley in my ward to meat at the place mentioned  
nathan Denies Constabel

anuel  
Town meeting

at a meeting of the inhabetance of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd Town on fryday the 30th day of march 1739

1) voted and chose Decon Edmunds moderater for sd meeting

2) voted to have five select men this year

3) voted John Lillie Town Clerk

4) voted George Robison the first select man

5) voted John Lillie the second select man

6) voted Richard Kidder the third select man

7) voted Benjamien Newill the fourth select man

8) voted Manasseh Horsmor the fifth select man

9) voted the select men in assesors

10) voted Richard Kidder Town Treasurer

11) voted Samuell Corbin Constabel for the east end of the Town

12) voted to Samuell Neuell his account of 3 pounds and allowed to him for sarvice done for the Town

13) voted Samuell Neuell Constabele for the west end of the Town and sd Neuell Refusing to sarve paid his five pounds

14) voted Joseph Scott Sener Constable for the west end of the Town

15) voted Jacob Bradbury and philep Corbin survayers of high wayes for the east end of the Town

- 16) voted Joseph Putney and Thomas Cheney survayers of high wayes for the west end of the Town
- 17) voted Nathan Ramsdill and Nathaniel Juell fens vewers
- 18) voted Joseph Jewell Sener and John Brackit tithying men
- 19) voted Benjamin White and Jacob Chamberlin hogreves  
all these offisers have taken their several oathes as the Law directs

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Worsester ss To Joseph Scoott and Samuel Corbin of a warnt for a  
Dudley in sd County Constables for sd Dudley greeting Town meeting  
These are in his majesties name to Require you forthwith to  
warn the freeholders and other inhabitence of sd Town in each  
of your wards that have Estate so that thay are qualefied ac-  
cording to law to vot to meet at the meeting hous of sd Dudley  
on tusday the 22 of may instant at one of the clock afternon to  
make choys of a man qualefied according to law to sarve and  
Represent the sd Town in a grate and General Court or  
assembly appointeed to be holden and convend and kept for  
his majesties sarvice at the Court house in Boston upon Wens-  
day the thirtyth day of may instant and allso to act upon the  
following artecls if thay see cause



1) to see whether the Town will build a pound for sd  
Town and if the Town see fitt to buld the pound then to agree  
with a man or men to do the work

2) to see whether the Town will agree to hire som fite  
parson or parsons to scholl thair children to reed in the sumer  
season and allso to see whether the Town will hire som fite  
parson or parsons to school them to wright in the winter  
season and if the Town see reason to do either of them to agree  
whare to meet to school them and allso to agre upon a sum of  
money to be raised upon the inhabetence for defraying the  
charges their of

preamblelation

We the subscribers select men of Dudly and Oxford have meet on the Eighth day of may 1739 according to the notefications given agreabel to the Law of this provence with the asistons of Luten<sup>t</sup> Isaac Larned surveiar and Decon Samuella Davis preambeluated and renued the bounds between the Towns of oxford and Dudley and begon at the brook coming out of the pond caled Chabunagungamaug and then 2ly runeng westerthly to a stump and a heap of stons 3ly from thense to gray oak tre on the west sid of the brook near the milles of mir Robsons which tree is lettered with O D 4ly from thense to a white oak tree and 5ly from thens to the brook wheare it runs into the River 6ly then northely partly on the River and partly on the land of Luten<sup>t</sup> Isaac Larnerd to a heape of stons on the north side of a Lettel brook neare the Rood that goes from oxford to Woodstock which is sd Larnerd norwest corner 7ly from thens west to a pich pine tree on a ridged nole in judg Dudleys south Line letterd with O D 8ly from thense to a heap of stons upon a Rock which is judg Dudleys southwest corner 9ly from thense to north to a black oak tree in a Lettel swamp 10ly from thense to a dad white pine tree in the end of a swamp 11ly from thense to black barch tree upon a rock near the Rood that goos from oxford to Dudley 12 from thense to a white oak tree 13 from thense to a grat heap of stons which is the north east corner of Dudley Town ship and the northwest Corner judge Dudleys farm 14ly from thense west to a white oak tree which is Richardsons northeast corner 15ly from thense to a grate white oak tree on the east side of the Long medow 16ly from thense to a white oak tree on the west side of the medow 17ly from thens to a reed oak tree with a heape of stons about it 18ly from thens to a wallnut tree and a heap of stons about it 19ly from thense to a Read oak tree near the pond 20ly from thense to a black oak tree on the west side of the pond 21ly from thense to a white oak tree on the east side of the letele pond 22ly white oak tre on the west side of the pond 23ly from thense to a white oak tree on the west side of a swamp near to a stak and heap of stons 24ly from thense

to dad white pine tree neare a Rocke valey 25ly from thense  
 to a white oak tre near Samuell Scotts southwest corner which  
 is a stake and heap of stones 26ly from thense to a lettele white  
 oak tree and a heap of stons at the root of it 27ly from thense  
 to a grate white pine tree neare to trout brook near where it  
 runs into the River 28ly from thense to a wallnut tree and a  
 side hill 29ly from thense to a white oak tree 30ly from thense  
 to a heap of stons which is Dudleys northwest corner of the  
 Township and oxford southwest corner of their Township at  
 which corner we left of as Wittnes our hands the day and  
 year above said

Luten <sup>t</sup> Isaac Larnard	}	Select men of oxford
Dacon Samu <sup>l</sup> Davise		
George Robson	}	Select men of Dudley
John Lillie		

and make due Returns of these warents with doings their in  
 to us the select men at the time and plase above sd given  
 under my hand and seal at Dudley above sd this 11<sup>th</sup> day of  
 may 1739 by order of the Select men

John Lillie Town Clerk

by vartue of these warnts we have warned the several in-  
 habetence of the Town of Dudley in each of our wards to  
 meet at time and plase with in mentioned

Joseph Scott Samuel Corbin Constabels

at a meeting of the inhabetence of the town of Dudley Regu- Town meeting  
 lerly assembled at our meeting hous in sd Town on tuesday  
 the 22 of may 1739

- 1 voted and choos Esqr vintteen moderater for sd meting
- 2 voted to biuld a pound
- 3 voted to seet the pound upon the northeast corner of the  
 four acers that the meeting hous stands on
- 4 voted mir manasseh Horsemor to buld a sufisant pound  
 of thirty foot squar for the Town for six pounds and to main-

tain it ten years and after the teen years are expired what remains of sd pound to be the Towns

5 voted to have a school kept upon the four acers belonging to the Town whear the meeting house stands

6 voted to biuld a school house twenty too foot long and eighteen foot wide and eight foot stud and to biuld the sd school house upon the Towns Land

7 voted by the said inhabetence to raise six and forty pounds of money to defray the charges of building the sd pound and school house

8 voted by the sd inhabetence to raise twenty pounds of money to defray the scharges of schooling the sentter part of the Town to have theire part of the above sd money and allso each end of the Town to draw their proportion of the money and to lay it out in schooling their children

a warent for a  
Town meeting



Worsester ss to Joseph Scott Sener and Samuell Corbin of the Town of Dudley in the Countey of Worsester the Constabls of sd Town Greeting these are in his majesties nam to will and Require you forthwith to warne all the freeholders and other inhabetence qualefied according to Law to vot in Town meetings in each of your wards to meet at our meeting house in sd Town on thursday the 13 day of september Instant at nine a Clock in the morning then and theire to act upon the following artickels if thay see cause

1ly to see whether the Town will adde aney thing to the Revd mr Hows salerey again this year

2ly to see whether the Town will agree to give teen pounds in money to the Reverd mr How this year instead of his fire wood

3ly for the Comitee that was consarned about biulding of the meeting house and Colectors and Town Treasueres to bring in theire accounts to the Town or to such a Comitee as the Town shall chuse consarning what money and work thay



have reseed of the inhabetence of this Town of their Land Tax

4ly wheareas there are sundrey parsons verry uneasyd Consarning their Right in the pue room for the Town to see if they are wronged and to endever to Right them in som way and maner

5ly to see whether the Town will Reconsider that vote that was past consarning mr morrises having a pue for himself and heirs and to dispos of it as the Town shall see fite and make due Return of these warents with yourer dooings their in to us the subscribers at the time and plase above sd as you will answer yourer Default at the pains and peanalty of the Law in that case made and provided at Dudley this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September A D 1739

George Robson	} Select men
John Lillie	
Richard Kidder	
Benjamin Newell	

by virtue of these warents wee have warned the sevarall inhabetence of the Town of Dudley in each of our wards to meet at the time and plase within mentioned

Joseph Scott Sen<sup>r</sup> and Samuella Corbin Constables

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at a meeting of the inhabetence of the Town of Dudley Reg- Town meeting  
ularly assembled at our meeting hous in sd Town on thursday  
ye 13<sup>th</sup> day of September A D 1739

voted and chose mr George Robson modrater for sd meeting

1ly voted to the Rev mr How twenty pounds to be added again to his salerey this year

2ly voted to give to the Revd mr How teen pounds of money of the old tenor this year instead of his fire wood

3ly no vote past upon this artickel

4ly no vote past upon this artickel

5ly voted not to Reconsider that vote that was past on

febuarey the 20th 1738-9 relating to mir morrices having a pue for himself and heirs

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The west end of the Town Rates for the minester—72-5-11

The east end of the Town Rates for the minester—64-8-6

These sd Rats ware mad and Delivered into the Constabels hands with a warrent to each for Collectting of the same namly to Joseph Scott Constabel for the west end and Samuel Corbin Constabl for the east end of the Town

Dudley October ye 5<sup>th</sup> 1739

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The notefications that ware posted up by the assesors of the Town of Dudley of the Delinquent proprieters Land in sd Town and at Worsester is as follows

Worsester ss These are to Cartifie all the Inhabetant Proprietors of the Town of Dudley in sd Countey and allso all the propriators in said Town NonResidants that the asesors of sd Dudley have asessed theire Lands at two pence par acer for the Bulding the meeting house and other nesesary charges of the propriators of sd Town persuant to a grant or act of the grat and General Court and that the asesors of sd Town have yearly asessed sd Lands Lieng in sd Dudley at at tow pence per acer from the year 1732 until five years ware fully acomplyshed and fullfild by a yearly Liste now these are to notifie all the Inhabetant propriators of sd Town and NonResident propriators in sd Town alls that have not paid their Land tax in full as afore said that thay pay it in to the Town Trasuerer of sd Town of Dudley within sixty dayes from the day of the Date of this notification or else the asesors of sd Town wil proced to sell the Delinquents Lands as the Law of this

Providence provides in such Case      Dated at Dudley afor said  
the eighth day of august A D 1739

Gorge Robinson	}	assessors for sd Dudley
John Lillie		
Richard Kidder		
Benjamin Newell		
Menasseh Horsmore		

Worsester ss      to Joseph Scott of the Town of Dudley in A warrant for a  
Town meeting  
the Countey of Worsester a Constabel of sd Town Greet-  
ing      these are in his Majesties name to will and Require  
you forthwith to warne all the freeholders and other inhabe-  
tence qualefied according to Law to vote in Town meetings in  
the Town of Dudley to meet at our meeting house in sd Town  
on monday the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December instant at one of the clock  
in the after none then and their to act upon the Following  
artekel viz      to chuse two meet parsons whos care and dutye  
it shall be to inform of all breaches of the Late act had against  
killing aney Deear Contarary to sd act      and make due  
Return of this warrent with your doings theire on to us the  
Subscribers at the Time and plase above sd as you will answer  
your Default at the pains and penealty of the Law in that case  
made and provided



at Dudley this third day of December A D 1739

John Lillie	}	Select men for sd Dudley
Richard Kidder		
Benjamin Newell		

by vertue of this warrent I have warned the several inhabe-  
tence of the Town of Dudley to meet at the time and plase  
within mentioned

Joseph Scott Constabel

Town meeting at a meeting of the inhabetence of the Town of Dudley Regulary assembled at our meeting hows in sd Town on mon-day the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December A D 1739

1 voted and choose m<sup>r</sup> George Robenson modarater fo sd meeting

2 voted and choose m<sup>r</sup> George Robenson and Thomas Newell to be the men to inform of all breaches of the above sd act

Dudley may y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1739

We the subscribers select men of the Towns of Woodstock and Dudley according to appointment then meet and with the assistance of Cap Wm Chandler surveyer Preamblel and new markt all the bounds where sd Woodstock and Dudley adjoyns we began at the southwest of sd Dudley it being a heap of stons in the East Bounds of sd Woodstock in the strait line betwen the Coloney of Conetcut and the provence of the masschuset bay which heap of stons we Renewed then we went north in the sd east bounds of Woodstock and new markt a white oak tree the northwest corner of Judge Dudleys Land then we went to the northeast corner of sd Woodstock which was a white oake tree which we allso renewed in new marking and putting stons about it we then proseded in the preamblation and new market all the bounds and monements in the north bounds of sd Woodstock untill we come to a heape of stons another corner of sd Dudley it being the southwest corner of mr Vintons Land wheare we left of as wittness our hands the day and year abov said

Benj Child	}	Select men of Woodstock
Edward Morris		
John Lillie	}	Select men of Dudley
Benjamin Newell		
menasseh Horsmor		

a notefication

This is to notefy all the non Resident proprietors of the Town of Dudley in the Countey of Worcester that have not payed all their Land Tax that is Taxd by the assessors of sd Dudley at two pence per acre by vertue of an act of the Great and General Court to asses the unimproved Lands of sd Dudley from the year A D 1732 until five years are past and gon that theire Lands will be sould at a vendue if not speedily paid the tax as much of it a will pay what Remains unpaid and charges of sd Tax to those that will give most for it and the plase of sail wi l be at the house of Clement Corbins inholder of sd Dudley on the second Tusday of February next ensuing the dat of this notefication at ten of the clock in the forenoon at which time and place the sd assessors will attend and at that time of day until it be sould by order of us assessors of sd Dudley Dated at Dudley aforesaid October the 17<sup>th</sup> 1739

George Robinson	} assessors for said Dudley
John Lillie	
Kichard Kidder	
Manasseh Horsmor	
Benjamin Newell	

Worcester ss to Joseph Scott and Samuell Corbin of the Town of Dudley in the Countey of Worcester Constabels of sd Town Greeting these are in his majesties name to will and Require you forthwith to warn all the free holders and other inhabetence qualefied according to Law to vote in Town meetings in each of your wards to meet at our meeting house in sd Town on monday the 3<sup>d</sup> day of march next enseuing at nine of the clock in the morning then and their to act upon the following artickels if thay see cause

- 1 to chuse Town officers as the Law directs
- 2 to see whether the Town will accept of the several high-

wayes that have been Layed out by the select men this present year

3 to see whether the Town will come into sum other methodd consening mending of our highways

4 to see whether the Town will agree with som fit pearson to take care of the meeting hous doors and key and to swep the meeting house and to bring water so ofen as it is needed to baptize the children and make due return of these warents with your doings thereon to us the subscribers at time and plase above sd as you will answer your default at the pains and peanalty of the Law in that case mad and provided at Dudley this 25 day of February annadom 1739-40

John Lillie	}	Select men
Richard Kidder		for sd
Benjamin Newell		Dudley

by vertue of these wafrents wee have warned the several inhabetence of the Town of Dudley in each of our wards to meet at time and place within mentioned

Joseph Scoot Samuel Corbin Constabels

annual  
Town meeting

at a meeting of the inhabetence of the Town of Dudley Regularly asembled at our meeting hous in sd Town on monday the 3<sup>d</sup> day of march annodom 1739-40

- 1 Chosen Capt Ebnezer Edmunds modrator for sd meeting
- 2 voted to have five select men this yeare
- 3 voted John Lillie Town Clerk
- 4 voted John Lillie the first select man
- 5 voted Richard Kidder the second select man
- 6 voted Benjamin Newell the third select man
- 7 voted manasseh Horsmore the forth select man
- 8 voted Clement Corbin the fifth select man
- 9 voted the select men to be asesors
- 10 voted Richard Kidder Town Treasuerer
- 11 voted Thomas Cheaney Constabel for the west end of the Town



12 voted Thomas Newell Constabel for the east end of the Town

13 voted Willam Carter and Benjamin Putney Surveiars for the east end of the Town

14 voted Joshua Healy and Elisha Saben Surveiars for the west end of the Town

15 voted philip Newell and Philip Corbin tything men

16 voted Ebenezer Coburn and Jacob bradbury fens vewers

17 voted that the swine should go at Large being youked and ringed

18 voted Daniel Coburn jun and Frances Carter Hog Reves

19 voted Joseph Saben and Samuel Child a informers or complaners of any pearsons that kill Deear Conterary to the Lat act

20 voted that the select men should agree with som parson to tak care of the meeting house

21 voted by the Town to accept of all the highwayes that ware Layed out by the select men this yeare excepting that throu Joseph Davis without pertickuler men do give him ten pounds in money by the first of may and if thay do then it is exepted and if thay do not then it is to be void and of none efect all these before menteoned officers have taken the aire their oaths as the Law directs

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Dudley Apriel ye 3<sup>d</sup> 1739 a highway Layed out by the select men of sd Town and Exepted by the Town at the anual meeting march 3<sup>d</sup> 1740 and is as follows begining at a stack and heap of stons on the west side of quineboug River which stake and heap of stons staning on the south side of sd river near the foot bridge which is over sd river and from thense runing near northwest by a Line of heap of stons to another stack and heap of stons near Capt Edmunds dwelling house the sd road to be four rods wide and all the sd markes are on the southwest side of sd rood and then runing west from sd stak and stons to another stak and heap of stons and from thense to

Woodstock Line to a Lettel red oak stak with a heap of stons about it which rood from the stak and heap of stons that is near Capt Edmunds is eight rods wide to Woodstock Line and all these markes are on the south side of sd rood and the whole of sd rood is Layed out on judg Dudleys Land

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Dudley November ye 26 1739      a highway Layed out by the select men of sd Town and Exepte by sd Town at our annual meeting on march the 3<sup>d</sup> 1740: and is as follows beginning at Philip Corbins hous and from thense near west to the R<sup>d</sup> mr Hows southeast corner which is a stak and heap of stons and so upon Philip Corbins south Line on the south sid of it to a Lettel white oak tree with a heap of stons about it which is sd Corbins northwes corner of his Lot and from thense near southwest to a black oak tree markt on three sids of it on the Indians Land and from thense to a grate Chusnut tree markt on thre sids and from thense to a walnut tree markt on the east sid on a Lettel Run and from thense to a small read oak and from thens to a small white oak tree and from thense to read oak tree near the rood that comes from mr Robesons mill and goes to the meeting hous and all the sd markes are on the northerly side of sd road and said road to be two rods wide

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Dudley February y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1739-40      a highway Layed out by the select men of sd Town and exepte by sd Town at the annual meeting on march the 3<sup>d</sup> 1740 and is as it follows beginning at Richard Kidders west Line at a black oak tree markt standing in the rood that coms from Oxford to Dudley and so runing near west on the Land belonging the heirs of governer Dudley to a white oak tree markt on the east side of a Letel run and so a Long as the path now goes between a Lettel meadow and swamp and from thense to a Larg white

oak tree markt and so a long as the path now goes to the pond brook and then up the brook to the pond and over sd brook clost to the pond and so west to to Thomas Newells Land and throu sd Newells Land to a white oak tree markt near sd Newells twenty acere Lot and so up Rocke hill as the path now goes to the top of the hill and then in the foot path on the north side of a Letel swamp and so into the rood that comes from James Corbins and so along in sd rood as it was formarly Layed out to Nathan Ramsdels barn yard and through his barn yard west through his Lot to a pich pine tree markt on the north sid of the rood and from thens to his west Line and from his west Line near southwes through mr Ebenezer Goers Land to a chasnut tree markt on the southeast side of the rood near Ebenezer Davisons north Line and from thense straight to a white oak tree markt on the east sid of the rood and from thense through Ebenezer Davisons Land between his hous and barn and as the path now goes down to the rood that comes from Jonathan Hobbs and goes to Deacon Conants and the whole of said rood is to be two rods wide and the most of sd markes are on the northerly sid of sd rood

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Dudley February the 28<sup>th</sup> 1739-40 a highway Layed out by the select men of sd Town and exepted by the Town at our anual meeting on march the 3<sup>d</sup> 1740 and is as follows be-  
gining at white oak tee markt a Lettel northeas of Joseph Vintons hous and from thense near northeast down to the river over sd river to a smal white oak tree markt and so throu Esq Vintons Entervail to his Lane to the Lettel bridge on the west side of the bridge and so through sd Vintons Land under ratelsnake rock as the path now goes to the top of the hill to a heap of stons and from thense near north in James Taylors Land to a white oak tree with a heap of stons about it and from thense to a to a walnut tree in sd Taylors Land with a heap of stons about it and from thense through sd Taylors Land to Joseph Jewells Jun norwest corner and so through sd

Jewells Land on his north Line on the south sid of it tow rods wide to Joseph Jewells sen Land and along on his north line on the south side of it two rods wide unto the rood that comes from John Taylors and from a heap of stons in sd Taylors Land runing near southeast through Joseph Jewells sen nor-east corner of his Land straight to a grat chasnut tree in the midel of sd rood and from thense to a walnut tree markt in the Line betwen sd Jewell and Samuells Newell and from thens straight to a white oak tree markt in Samuells Newells Land on the side of the hill and from thense runing near east on the Line betwen Samuells Newell and Jonathan Newell one rod on Samuel Newell and one rod on Jonathan Newell to a heap of stons and from sd Line near south-east to a white oak tree in Jonathan Newells Land and from thense to a white oak tree markt and from thens straight to a white oak tree markt and from thense sraight throu Samuel Newells pastuer and mooing Land to his brook in his Lane near his house and throu his Lane to the end of it and from thense a long by sd Newells Land and by William Carters south Line in the Indians Land to a popel stump with a heap of stons about it and from thense to a straight to a pith pine tree which is the northwest corner of the four acers that was given to the Town and all the sd markes are on the northerly side of sd rood and the whole of sd rood is to be two rods wide the old highway fomorly Layed out by the Select men in the year 1734 wheare it is Recorded from Joseph Jewells seners Land to his north east corner and from thence baring east and benoth accros Benjamin Newell and Jonathan Newells Land pritey straight to the northwest corner of Samuells Newells Hundred acer Lot is void and of none efect by Reason of alltering of it from the above sd Jewells north Line for the more convenience of sd rood

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Worcester ss

To the Constables Thomas Newell and Thomas Cheney of the Town of Dudley in the Countey of Worcester Greeting  
for as much as sundrey Parsons being freeholders and other inhabetence of the sd Town of Dudley qualefied by Law to vote in Town affaires have Latly as well at divers times hearetofore made application to us the select men of sd Town that a Town meeting might be called to Reconsider those Divers votes formaly Pased Relating to the Granting of places or spaces in the Publick meeting hous erected for the worship of god in sd Town desined for the placing or building Pews or at the charge of the Grantees and it being alledged or suggested that sd votes ware not Regularly mad and pased and that the rule which ought to have Governed that affaier ware not attended or Regarded and for as much as the Grantees have not as yet Expended aney Cost or Charge in Erecting or building aney of sd Pews or the plases or the spaces asigned for them to be built as aforesaid to the intent thearefore that justice and Right theirein may now be don and the peace of the Town be presarved and premoted these are to direct and Require you seasonably to notefie all the Freeholders and other inhabetence of sd Town of Dudley qualefied as aforesaid in each of your wards to assembl and meet at our meeting hous on tusday the fiftenth day of April at teen of the clock in the fore noon then and theire in a publick and Laful Town meeting to take the Premeses into theire searas wise and just considration that if thay shall see cause and good Reason thay may then and theire Reconsider those former votes and com into aney other or further methods ways or means for the just due peasebel disposition Granting or determing the said places or spaces as to them shall seme most just meet and convenient Heareof fail not and make due Return of these warrents with your doings theareon to us the subscribers at the time and place within mentioned as you will answer your default at the pencaltey of



a warrent for a  
Town meeting

*Dudley Town Records, 1740.*

the Law in that case      dated at Dudley aforesaid the thirtey  
first day of march annodom 1740

John Lillie	} Select men
Richard Kidder	
Clement Corbin	
menasseh Horsmore	
Benjamin Newell	

by virtue of these warents we have warned the several inhabetence of the Town of Dudley in each of our wards to meet at the time and place within mentioned

Thomas Newell Thomas Cheney Constabels

Town meeting      at a meeting of the Inhabetence of the town of Dudley  
Regularly asembled at our meeting hous in sd Town on  
tuesday y<sup>e</sup> 15th day of April 1740

1    voted and chose Capt Edmunds modrater for sd meeting  
2    voted and Reconsidered all those former votes Relating  
to the Granting of plases for the building of pews in our  
meeting house and to com into the method in disposing of  
them as folowes

1    voted that those meen that have payed most to the charges  
in Town ever sence that we ware incorprated into a Town  
with one head to an estate

2    to have a regard to thos men that ware the first setlers  
in Town

3    that those that have an estate of freehold in Town shall  
have the pews

3    voted to have five men to be a Cometee to search the  
Lists and to see who the pews do belong to

4    voted deacon Conant and Esq Vinton and John Lillie  
and Benjamin Newell and Menasseh Horsmore be the Comittee  
to see who is to have the Pews and to mak return to the Town



Worcester ss to Thomas Cheney and to Thomas Newell of Dudley in the Countey of Worcester Constabels for sd Dudley and to each of them Greeting these are in his majesties name to Require you forthwith to warn the freeholders and other Inhabetence of sd Town in each of your wards that have an estate so that thay are qualefied according to Law to meet at the meeting house of sd Dudley on thursday the twenty second day of may instant at one of the clock afternoon to make choyes of a man qualefied according to Law to sare and Represent the said Town in a grate and General Cort or assembly appointed to be holden and Convened and kept for his majesties sarvics at the Cort hous in Boston upon wensday the twenty eight day of may and to act upon the following artecls if thay see cause

a warnt for a  
Town meeting



1 to chuse a select man in the room of mr Hosmore Late Removed out of Town

2 to see if the Town will continue mir Hosmore a Commite man Consearning the pews or to Chuse another in his room and make due Return of these warrents with your dooings theire on to us the subscribers at the time and plase above sd as you will answer your default at the paine and penealtery of the Law in that case mad and provided given under our hands and seal at Dudley above sd this nintenth day of may anno Dom 1740

Clement Corbin	}	Select men
Richard Kidder		for sd
Benjamin Newell		Dudley

by vertue of these warrents we have warned the sevaral inhabetence of the Town of Dudley in each of our wards to meet at the time and plase above sd

Thomas Cheney Thomas Newell Constabels

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at a meeting of the inhabetence of the Town of Dudley <sup>Town meeting</sup>

Regularly assembled at our meeting hous in sd Town on thursday the twenty second day of may 1740

- 1 voted and chose Esq<sup>r</sup> Vinton moderater for sd meeting
- 2 voted and chose Esq<sup>r</sup> Vinton select man in the room of mr Hosmore Lat removed out of Town
- 3 voted to Continue m<sup>r</sup> Hosmore a Comittee man Concerning the pews

a warrant for a  
Town meeting



Worcester ss to Thomas Cheney and Thomas Newell of the Town of Dudley in the Countey of Worcester Constabels of sd Town Greeting: these are in his majesties name to will and Require you forthwith to warn all the freeholders and other inhabetence Qualefied according to Law to vote in Town meetings in each of your wards to meet at our meeting hous in sd Town on monday the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September instant at nine of the clock in the morning then and their to act on the folling artkels if thay see cause

- 1 to see whether the Town will add aney thing more to the Revd mr Hows Sallerey
- 2 to see what method thay will com into to provide him his fire wood
- 3 to see whether the Town will do aney thing to provide schooling for their children and if thay do then to grant money to be raised to defrey the chaŕges thearof
- 4 for all the inhabetence to bring in an invoice of their Ratabel Estates to the select men on sd day in order for making of the Cuntrey Tax
- 5 to see whether the Town will accept of the Commites Report Relating to the pues and if thay do then to vote them to those pearsons to hom thay do belong and allso to set a time for biulding of them and make due Return of these warents with your doings thearon to us at the time and place above mentioned as you will answer your default at the pains and penalty of the Law in that case mad and provided at

Dudley the 22 day of September Ad ome mi 1740 by order  
of the select men

John Lillie Town Clerk

by vertue of these warents we have warned the several in-  
habetence of the Town of dudley in each of our wards to meet  
at the time and place within mentioned

Thomas Newell and Thomas Cheney Constabels

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at a meeting of the inhabetence of the Town of dudley  
Regularly assembeled at our meeting hous in sd Town on  
monday the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September 1740

the Town  
meeting

1 Voted and chose Esq<sup>r</sup> Vinton modrater for sd meeting

2 voted to give to the Rd mr Howe forty pounds in money  
this present year in considration of his building

3 Voted forty cord of fire wood to the Re<sup>d</sup> mr Howe this  
present year cut and carted to his door fit for his fire

4 Voted that the fire wood for m<sup>r</sup> How should be set at 12  
shillings acord and to be Raised upon the inhabetence by a  
Rate

5 Voted to raise 30 pounds of money to defrey the charges  
of schooling the Town to be devided into three parts and each  
part to draw their proportion of the money and to Lay it out  
in schooling of their children

6 Voted Joshua Healy for the senter of the Town and  
Benjamin Putney for the east end and Benjamin Newell for  
the west end of the Town to be a Commitey to devide the  
Town into three parts as thay shall subcribe and each part is  
to pay whear thay subcribe

7 Voted to accept of the Commites Report Relating to the  
Pues

1 Voted to Dacon Joseph Edmunds that Pue in the north-  
west corner of the meeting house joyning to mr Howes

2 Voted to Willam Carter that pue on east sid of the  
front doors

3 Voted to Joshua Healy that Pewe on the west sid of the front doors

4 Voted to Samuel Newell that midel pue on the east side of the pulpit

5 Voted to Ebenezer Edmunds that pue on the east side of the pulpit

6 Voted to John Vinton Esq<sup>r</sup> that pue on the Right hand of the east doors

7 Voted to George Robenson that pue on the south side of the east doors

8 Voted to Clement Corbin that pue joyning Joshua Healeys on the west side of the front doors

9 Voted to Dacon Benjamin Conant that peue on the north-east corner of the meeting house

10 Voted to Thomas Cheney thet midel pue on the east side of the front doors joyning to mr Carters

11 Voted to James Corbin that pue on the south side of the west doors

12 Voted to Jonathan Newell that pue on the north side of the west doors

13 Voted to Benjamin Newell the midel pue on the north side of the east doors between Esq Vintons ad Dacon Conants

14 Voted to Ebenezer Bacon the midel pue on the north side of the west doors

15 Voted to Samuel Corbin that pue on the south side of the east doors joyning to the womens stairs

16 Voted to Joseph Putney that pue on the south side of the west doors between James Corbins and the stairs

17 Voted that those pearsons that have the pues shall build them in the spase of one year from this time or els thay shall Return to the Town again

18 voted and chose Esqr Vinton to go down to adrees Great and General Court to see whether their Honours will abate som thing of our provinc Tax and fine

Daniel Coburn sener did hear at this present meeting enter

his desent against that vote of the Towns accepting of the  
Commities Report Relating to the Puses

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The sum total of the ministers Rates for the west end:  
73-12-11

The sum total of the provence Tax for the west end  
35-19-4

The sum total of the school Rates for the west end  
15-16-3

The sum total of the minicsters Rates for the east end  
72-15-0

The sum total of the provnce Tax for the east end  
35-18-6

The sum total of the school Rats for the east end  
14-11-10

these above sd Rates ware mad and Delivered into the  
Constabels hands with a warent to each for colecting of the  
same namly to Constabel Thomas Cheney for the west end  
and Constabel Thomas Newell for the east end of the Town  
Dudley October ye 13<sup>th</sup> 1740

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Worsester ss to Thomas Cheney and Thomas Newell of  
the Town of Dudley in the Countey of Worcester Constabels  
for the said Town of Dudley and to each of them Greeting

Whearas our Revd Pastor hath again been Left to fall into the  
sin of intemperance to our Great Greife and sorow and under  
a humbel sence theirof earnestly desirs an oppertunity to  
convears with the Church and Congregation of his Charge in a  
publick manner in order to act the part of a Christain towards  
them and see what methodds to come in to for the healing of  
the breach his sin hath mad between him and his pepole so  
that Gods name and the Religon of Christ may not sufer and



a warrant for a  
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the peace and tranquility of this Town may yet be continued  
therefore

These are in his majesties name to will and Require you and each of you forthwith to warn all the freeholders and other inhabetence of sd Town of Dudley in each of your wards to meet at our meeting house in sd Town on fryday the 7<sup>th</sup> of November at one of the clock after noon then and there to act on the following articles if they see cause

1 To see if the Town will accept of the satesfaction which the Revd Mr Howe shall then offer unto them and Restore him to their Love and chearety both as a christain and as thayer minister and if not then

2 To consider what steps the Town shall take in order to Redress the above sd Greviances and mak due Return of these warrents with your doing thereon to us the select men at the Time and place above sd hearof fail not as you will answer your default at the pains and penealty of the Law in that case mad and provided at Dudley the 31 day of October A D 1740 by order of the select men

John Lillie Town Clerk

by vertue of these warrents we have warned all the freeholders and other inhabetence in the Town of Dudley in each of our wards to meet at the time and place within mentioned :

Thomas Cheney Thomas Newell Constables

Town meeting at a meeting of the inhabetence of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting hous in sd Town on fryday the 7 of November 1740

1 voted and chose Esqr Vinton modrater for sd meeting

2 voted to forgive the Revd Mr Howe and to Restore him again to our Love and Charety both as a Christian and as our pastor and teacher



Bretheren & frinds

In as much as I have been Left again to fall into the Heinas sin of intemprence & have been sundrey times too much ungarded & have too much indulged my self in the free use of spiritous Lyquors to the Dishonour of God Discredit of Religion to the wounding of my one soul & the Great Greife & sorow of you & all the pepole of God who are apprized thearof I hope God hath been pleased Graciasly to open my eyes to see my sine in its true colurs I have Reason to hope that he hath touched my hart with true Remors & Godley sorow for my sine and as I have in a humbel sence of my Guilt earnestly sought unto him for his pardaing mercy and sence of his Love & favour so to the Glory of the Riches of his Grace I must acknowledge that by the sweet whispers of his spirit he hath caused the bons which he hath broken to Rejoyce and as I now ask forgiveness of all Gods peapol in Genearal so in as much as my sin & fall very peculiarly & awfully affects you in pearticular so I humbly ask of you all your forgiveness of these my trespasses against you intreating you to Restore me to your love & charety asuring you I have an uter abhorrence of those things I have practiced and humbly Relying upon the allsufficient Grace of God I promise to Lead a new & Regular Life determining not only to abstain from the abuse but even from the use of all inebriateing & spiritous Lyquors unles in a time when sixness or my circumstances may evedently call for it Endeavoring to sett before others an Exampele of sobriety & temprance in all things to adorn the Doctrin of God my savour by a holy & blamelesse Conversation Laboring so to behave my selfe for the futere as that the joy & satisfaction you may have in mee may infinitely exced the Greife & sorow of hart I have brought upon you striveing to approve my selfe faithfull unto Jesus Christ & faithfull unto all your souls & to walk before God & before you to all well pleasing thus earnestly intreating you to strive togather with me in your prayers to the God of all Grace that I may have Grace to perform these my Resolutions & to walk worthy of that high & holy vocation wherewith I am called & asuring you that as I have allwayes

don sence the Day that I came among you so I shall continue to bare you upon my hart before God Continually and be Ready to sarve the intrest of your souls & bodeyes both by Day & night according to the best of my ability so Long as God shall continue me amongst you thes things I offer to your Christain Consideration hoping you will not forget the direction of the holy apostil in 6 Glat begin Bretheren if aney man be overtaken in a fault ye which are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness considring thy self Least thou allso be tempted

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Dudley March y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1740-41

Then Received of the Town of Dudley in Bills of Creditt the whole of the Salary Granted me by s<sup>d</sup> town from the Day of My ordination to the tenth Day of March Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred & thirty nine, forty, I Say Received  
Per Me Perley Howe

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Worchester ss A notification for our annuall meeteing this is to notify all the free holders and other inhabitance of the town of Dudley that are quallified according to law to Vote at in town meeteings to meete and assemble them selves to gather at our meeteing hous on monday the second Day of march to act on the fowlling Artikls if thay see cause

- 1 to chuse town offesers as the law Directs
  - 2 to see wheather the town will Provoid a stock of amunition
  - 3 to see wheather the Town will give mr Vinton liberty to build a teen foot hous on the fore acors belonging to the town
- Dudley Febuary y<sup>e</sup> 23 1741 by order of the select men

John Lilly Town Clark

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At a meeteing of the inhabetents of the town of Dudley <sup>annual</sup> <sub>town meeteing</sub>  
Regularly assembled at our meeteing hous in sd Town on  
monday ye 2 day of march 1741

- 1 Voted and chose Esq<sup>r</sup> vinton modiator for sd meeteing
- 2 Voted to have five select men for the year insueing
- 3 voted Capt Ebenezer Edmunds the first select man
- 4 voted Clement Corbin the second select man
- 5 voted mr John Vinton third select man
- 6 voted Jonathan Newell the forth select man
- 7 voted Benjamin Newell the fift select man
- 8 voted the select men to be assesors for the year ensueing
- 9 voted Jonathan Newell Newell town Clerk
- 10 voted Clement Corbin town treasurer
- 11 voted Jonathan Hobbs Cunstable for the west end of the town
- 12 voted Gorge Robison Constable for the east end of the town
- 13 voted Joshua healy and Joseph Vinton survaors for the west end of the town
- 14 voted Ebenezer Davison and John Bracket survaors for the east end of the town
- 15 voted Benjamin Davis and Daniel Coburn Tything men
- 16 voted Philip Corbin and Jacob Chamberlin fence Vewers
- 17 voted for hogs to go at large
- 18 voted nethaniel jewell and Samuel Child hog Reavs
- 19 voted Ebenezor Bacon and John Bracket informers of those who violate the law in Killing Deear
- 20 Voted to mr John Vinton to have teen foote of ground upon the north line of the four acors belonging to the town to seet a small hous upon

All these Above mentioned offecers have Taken there oths as the law Directs exsept Daniel Coburn jnir

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warrant for a  
town meeting

Worsester ss To Constable Jonathan Hobbs and Constable George Robison of Dudley greeteing these are to will and Require you forthwith to warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants that are qualified acording to Law to vote in town meeteings in Dudley to meete at our meeteing hous on munday ye twenty third day of November instant at one of the clock after noon to act on the following articles if they see cause

1 To see what the town will add to the Reverend mr Hows sallary for this preasent year

2 to see what meathod the Town will take in procuring mr hows fierwood this year also and make Return of these warrants with you doings thare on to us the subscribers at time and place above mentioned as you will answer your defaults at the pains and penalty of the law in that caus made and provided Dated att Dudley y<sup>e</sup> sixteenth day of November 1741 by order of the select men

Jonathan Newell Town Clark

by vartue of these warrants we have warned the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley in each of our wards to meete att the time and place within mentioned

Jonathan hobbs and George Robison Constables

the  
town meeting

Att a meeteing of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeteing hous in sd town on the twenty third day of November 1741

1 Voted and chose Deacon Joseph Edmunds modiator for said meeting

2 Voted to add fifty pounds to the Reverend mr Hows sallary for this present year

3 Voted to cut and cart forty cord of Fier wood to the Reverend mr hows for this present year

4 Voted that the town shall cut and cart mr hows forty cord of fier wood for this present year to his dwelling hous by the first day of March next ensucing or each man then that is delinquant in cuting and carting his part of said fier wood to

his mr hows dweling hous by the time a fore said propotioned  
by the assessors shall pay to mr how at the Rate of fifteen  
shillings a cord in monny by the said first day of march nex  
ensueing

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The sume total of the town Rate for the west end 84-6-4 Record  
Rats

The sum Total of the province Rate for the west end  
14-4-0

The sum total of the town Rate for the east end was 75-18-0

The sum total for the Province Rate for the east end was  
12-16-2

which said Rats ware made and delivered into the constables  
hands with a warrant to each for collecting the same namely  
to Constable Jonathan Hobbs for the west end and to Constable  
George Robison for the east end of the town

Dudley Desember the 31 1741

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Dudley February y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup>, A. D. 1741-2

Then Received of the Town of Dudley in Bills of Creditt  
the sum of one Hundred & forty pounds being in full for My  
salary in the year of our Lord one thousand seven Hundred &  
forty; I: E: to the tenth Day of March A: D: 1740-41 I  
say Received by Me

Perley Howe

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Worchester ss

A notification for our anuell meeteing in the year 1742

This is to Notify all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of A Notification  
the town of Dudley that are quallified acording to law to vote  
in town meeteings to meete and assemble them selves to gather  
at our meeteing hous on munday the first day of march in the

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year 1742 at nine of the clock in the morning to act on the following articels if they see cause

1 to chuse town officers for the year insueing as the law directs

2 for the town to Receive the Committes account consearning our meeteing hous and also to chuse a man or tow to add to deacon Conant to fill up the vacuncy of that Committee

3 for the town to provoid a standdard of waits and measurs as the law directs

4 to see what the town will do consearning bulding a scool hous or houses and seetting up a scool in the town to prevent the charg of being find for want there of as well as for want of a standdard of waits and measurs for the grand jury man of woodstock is ordered by the inferiour Court of this county to make inquiry into the scurcomstances of towns that have no grand jury man and of this town in particuler and for want there of to present the same

Dated at Dudley y<sup>e</sup> 20  
day of Febuary in the year 1741-2 By order of the select men

Jonathan Newell Town Clark

town meeteing att a meeteing of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley Regularly assembled att our meeting hous on munday y<sup>e</sup> 1 day of march ann Domini 1741-2

1 voted and chose Capt Vinton modiator for said meeteing

2 voted to have five select men for the year ensueing

3 voted and chose Capt vinton the first select man

4 voted and chose Capt Edmunds the second select man

5 voted and chose Clement Corbin the third select man

6 voted and chose Benjamin Newell the forth select man

7 voted and chose Jonathan Newell the fifth select man

8 voted that the select men should be assessors for the year ensuing

9 voted and chose Jonathan Newell Town Clark

10 Voted and chose Clement Corbin Town treasurer



11 voted and chose Joseph Sabin Cunstable for the west end of the Town

12 voted and chose Jacob Bradbury Cunstable for the east end of the town

13 voted and chose John Burnal and Jacob Chamberlin Survavors of high ways for the west end of the town

14 voted and chose Jeams Corbin and Samuel child Survayors of high ways for the east end of the town

15 voted and chose Ebenezer Bacon Tything man for the west end of the town

16 voted and chose Daniel Doddg Tything man for the east end of the town

17 voted and chose Joseph Jewell junr fence vewer for the west end of the town

18 voted and chose Ellick Nicols fence vewer for the east end of the town

19 voted and chose thomas hutchens junr hog Reaf for the west end of the town

20 voted and chose Benjamin Dike hog Reaf for the east end of the town

21 voted for hogs to go at large for the year ensueing

22 voted that Elisah Sabin and Samuel Corbin should be the informers of those that violate the law of those that kill Dear conterary to the act

23 voted that the select men provoid a standdard of waits and measurs on the towns charge Namely a half Bushel a peck and half peck a pair of skails a pound wait a half pound and a quarter of a pound

24 voted and chose Jonathan Newell seailer of waits and measurs

25 voted and chose Joshua healy and Clement Corbin to add to Deacon Conant to fill up the vacuncy there was in that committe concerning finnishig the Body of our meeteing hous

26 voted that the town should buld a scool hous upon the towns four acors of land near our meeteing hous of twenty feete long and fiveteen feete wide

27 voted that Capt vinton and Clement Corbin should be a

committe to see the scool hous ERected and Enclosd as soon as may be

The above mentioned officers have been sworn to their Respective Duties in their offices as the law directs

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A warrant for a  
Town meeting

Worcester ss To the constables Joseph Sabin and Jacob Bradbuary of Dudley Greeting these are to will and Requier you forthwith to warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants in said town in either of your wards that are quallified as the law directs to vote in town meeteing to meete at our mee:eing hous in sd town on fryday the fifteenth day of October instant at teen of the clock in the forenoon to act on the following articals

town meeteing

(1) To see wheither the town will give mr how any more salary for the preasent year then what we agreed with him for when he first settled amongst us

(2) to Raise mony to pay mr Baulding for his work in our meeteing hous

(3) To Raise mony to pay the Committee for bulding the scool hous

(4) For those parsons that are indetted to the town to bring ther money in and to make up with the town Treasurer to prevent further trobule

(5) and also for those parsons that have any demands upon the town to bring in their accounts that they may be adjusted

(6) for the town to Raise money to pay other Nessesary charges that have arisen with in the same :

and make Return of your warrant with your doings theiron to us the subscribers at the time and place above sd as you will answer your defaults at the pains and Pannilty of the Law in that case made and provided Dated att Dudley the sixth day of october anno Domini 1742

By order of the select men

Jonathan Newell Town Clark

By order of these warrants we have warned the several in-

habitants of the town of Dudley in each of our wards to meete  
att the time and place within mentioned :

Joseph Sabin Jacob Bradbury Constables

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att a meeteing of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley  
Regularly assembled at our meeteing hous in said town on  
frydy the fifteenth day of october Anno Dommeni 1742

(1) voted and chose Capt Ebenezer Edmunds modiator for  
sd meeteing

(2) voted that the town dont see cause to give mr howe  
any more sallary for the preasant year then we covenanted  
with him for when he first setteled amongst us

(3) voted and granted thirteen pounds tow shillings and  
fore pence to pay mr Baulding his due with what is due to the  
town in Nots in the Treasurers hands

(4) Voted and granted fortrey six pounds money to pay the  
scool hous Committe for Bulding the same :

(5) voted and granted twenty tow pounds Eleven shillings  
and nine pence mony to fray the other Nessesary charges that  
has a risen within the town

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Worcester ss                      To Constable Jacob Bradbury of Dudley warrant for a  
Town meeting  
greeting                      these are to will and Requier you forthwith to  
warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants in the town of  
Dudley that are quallified as the Law directs to vote in town  
meeteing to meete at our meeteing hous in sd town on Thirds-  
day: the twenty eight day of october instant att teen of the  
clock in the morning then and their for the town to concur  
with the vots of the church if they see cause: in the advice of  
the Reverend mr Cambill of oxford the Reverend mr Rice of  
Sturbridge the Reverend mr Stiles of Woodstock which which  
the church here have sent to for advice and judgment under

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our difficult surcomstances Relateing to our Reverend pastor  
mr perly how and the church and town hear

and make Return of this warrant with your doings their on  
to us the subscribers at the time and place above mentioned  
here of fail not as you will auswer your defaults at the pains  
and penalty of the law in that case made and provided

Dated att Dudley the twentyth day of october Anno Domni  
1742 By order of the select men

Jonathan Newell Town Clark

Worcester ss october y<sup>e</sup> 28 1742 By vartue of this  
warrant I have warned several of the inhabitants of this town  
Jacob Bradbury Constble

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town meeting

att a meeteing of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley  
Regularly assembled att our meeteing hous in sd town on  
thirdsday the twenty eight day of october Anno Domnini 1742

(1) voted and chose Deacon Joseph Edmunds modiator  
for sd meeteing

(2) the town voted and concord with the vots of the church  
Relateing to the difficult surcomstances Relateing to our Rev-  
erend pastor mr pearly howe and the church and town hear

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The sum total of the town Rate for the west end ot the  
town is 114-16-8

The sum total of the town Rate for the east end of the  
town is 118-15-1

which Rats ware made and Deliverd to the Constables with  
a warrant to each to collect the same Namely to Constable  
Joseph Sabin for the west end of the town and to Jacob  
Bradbury Consta of the east end of the town November ye  
24 1742

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Worcester ss to the Constables Joseph Sabins and Jacob Bradbary greeting these are to will and require each of you forthwith to warn all the freeholders and other inhabitation in sd town in each of your wards that are qualified as the law directs for voting in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on monday ye twenty eighth day of march instant at nine a clock in the morning then and there to act upon the following articles

warrant

1) to chuse town officers for y<sup>e</sup> year insuing as the law directs

2) for the town to exsept of a roode laid out by the select men four rods wide begining at or near the patten or collony line to our meeting house

3) for the town to chuse a person or persons to send the next may sessions to se if ye rood that is laid out through our town by the meeting house to oxford line may serve for the count rood through sd town

4) for the town to come into some method to pay the school master for his labour in schooling our children the winter past either by raising money for the same or to convert the 30 pounds raised some time past for schooling our children to answer now as far as it will go and make return of your warrant with your doing thereon to us the subscribers at the time and place above mentioned as you will answer your default at the pains and penalty of y<sup>e</sup> law in that case made and provided Dated at Dudley the eighteenth day of march and in the sixteenth year of his majestis reign anno dom 1743

By order of y<sup>e</sup> select men

Jonathan newel town clerk

march y<sup>e</sup> 28 1743 pursuant to this warrant we have warned the several inhabitation in each of our wards

Joseph Sabin and Jacob Bradbery Constables

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at a meeting of the inhabitation of ye town of Dudley regu- town meeting

lerly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on munday the 28<sup>th</sup> day of march 1743

1) voted that all the freeholder of sd town should be voters by a graet majorytie and all agreed to it & voted to have five select men this year

2) voted and chose Clement Corbin moderator for sd meeting

3) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant y<sup>e</sup> first select man

4) voted Clement Corbin the secound select man

5) voted Richard Kidder the third select man

6) voted Joshua healy the fourth select man

7) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> newell the fifth select man

8) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant town clerk

9) voted Clement Corbin town treasurer

10) voted Jonathan hibberd constable for ye east end of the town

11) voted Ebenezer Coburn constable for ye west end of the town

12) voted John brackit tything man for ye east end of the town

13) voted John Curtis tything man for the west end of the town

14) voted Jonathan newell sealer of waits and measuers

15) voted nathan ramsdil and Benja<sup>n</sup> Davis survayers of high ways for the east end of the town

16) voted Joseph Sabin and Joseph jewell survayers of high ways for the west end of the town

17) voted John Davison and Benja<sup>n</sup> Denis fence vewers

18) voted philip corbin and paul rich complainers of those that violate the law in killing Dear

19) voted that swine shall go at large y<sup>e</sup> year insuing

20) voted Elishua Sabin and Elisha Corbin hoge reaves

21) voted and exepted by the town the highway laid out by the select men and brought to this meeting

22) voted and chose Sam<sup>l</sup> newell to go to Worcester at may court to se if y<sup>e</sup> highway laid out through our town by the meeting house maye by excepted for the county roode



23) voted that the money that wase granted some time past for scooling our children shall be colected and paid into the town treasurer to pay m<sup>r</sup> may for his service in scooling our children the winter past

24) voted the select men to be assesers  
memorandum that the several offisers above mentioned have taken there oaths as the law directs

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Dudley march y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1743

A highway laid out by the select men of sd town begining at or near the colony line a white oke tree markt on the south-east side of sd roade on the tope of a little hill on the north sid of whate is m<sup>r</sup> morriss little bridg on his roade to our meeting house from thence to a gray oke tree from thence to a white oke tree near Ebenezer Bacons south line of his land and so a crose the south east corner of sd Bacons land from thence along up on the south east side of the Indian hille leiving the crown or height of the hille on the west sid of sd roade as the land will best allowe and so to a white oke tree from thence to another white oke tree from thence to a white oke tree from thence to a black oke tree from thence to a pitch pine tree from thence to a heap of stons four rods east from the south east corner of the towns four acres our meeting house stands on and meets with the road formerly laid out by y<sup>e</sup> select men of sd town from oxford line to our meeting house this roade being a prity straight course from the first mentioned tree till it meets with the other part of the road being laid out before to our meeting house sd road is four rod wide and the marks being all on the south east side of sd roade this road was brought to our aneuel meeteing in march 1743 and accepted by the town

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Dudley may y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1743

Worcester ss to the Constables jonathan hebberd and

warnt

Ebenezer Coburn greeting                      these are to will and require each of you forthwith to warn the freeholders and other inhabitation of sd town qualifid to vote in town affairs in each of your wards to meet at our meeting house in sd town on monday ye 16<sup>th</sup> day of may instant at two a clock after noone then and there to act upon the following articles

1) to chuse a Deputy to represent the town at the great and general Court to be held in Boston for ye year insuing to begin the 25 day of may instant

2) to come into some method for schooling our children ye year insuing

3) to grant mony to Defray the charge of the same

4) to grant mony to pay the charge of our first council and make return of your doings hearon to us the subscribers at the time and place above mentioned as you will answer the same at ye penealty of ye law in that case made and provided

By order of ye select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant                      town clerk

By vartue of this warnt we have warnd the several inhabitation of ye town of Dudley in each of our wards as the lawe directs

jonathan Hebbard and Ebenezer Coburn Constables

town meeting      at a meeting of the inhabitation of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday ye 16<sup>th</sup> day of may 1743

a vote being requird weather they would send a representative or not the vote past in the negitive

1) voted and chose John Lilly moderater for sd meeting

2) voted to have a school 9 months 3 months in the senter of the town and 3 months at each end of the town

3) voted to have a school daime 3 months at each end of ye town and 3 months by a school master in the senter of the town

4) voted 40 pounds of money old tener to be raised upon

the inhabitation of this town to defray the charge of schooling for the nine months

5) vote Joseph putney Benja<sup>n</sup> putney se<sup>nr</sup> and Sam<sup>l</sup> Corbin to be a committee to provid schooling according to y<sup>e</sup> above mentioned vots

6) voted 51 pounds 12 shilling and 10 pence old tener to be raisd upon the inhabitation of this town to defray the charg of our first council

Jams Corbin and Joseph Sabin do now enter there desent against y<sup>e</sup> proceedings of the present meeting

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Dudley june y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1743      Worcester ss

to the Constables Jonathan hebberd and Ebenezer Coburn  
greeting      these are to will and require each of you forth-  
with to warnd the freeholders and other inhabitation of the  
town of Dudley in each of your wards qualifid to vote in town  
affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on monday the  
20<sup>th</sup> day of june instant at one a clock after noone then and  
their to act upon the following articles

warrant

1) to agree upon a day of fasting and prayer to God under  
our difficult surcomstances and to make choice of some minis-  
ters to carry on the work of sd day

2) to chuse a committee to supply our pulpit with a good  
learned and orthodox minister for sune time

3) to grant money to defray the charg of our pulpits being  
supplied and also to pay the committee that was last upon the  
county road      and make your return to the select men with  
your doing thereon as you will answer the same at the penalty  
of the law in that case made and provided

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant      town clerk

By vertue of this warrant we have warnd the inhabitation of  
the town of Dudley in each of our wards to meet at time and  
place within mentioned

Jonathan hebberd and Ebenezer Coburn Constables

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town meeting at a meeting of the inhabtance of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> day of june 1743

1) voted and chose m<sup>r</sup> nathaniel Dick moderater for sd meeting

2) voted that wedensday the 29<sup>th</sup> day of june 1743 be a day of fasting and prayer to God for council and direction under our dificult surcomstances

3) voted that the reverend m<sup>r</sup> Cabbit of thomsen and the reverend m<sup>r</sup> wymon of the union be the gentlemen to carry on the work of sd day of fasting and prayer for us

4) voted Deceon Edmunds insign Corbin and m<sup>r</sup> Benja<sup>n</sup> newell to be a commitee to supply our pulpit with a good learned and orthodox minister from this time to the last of october next insuing

5) voted 80 pounds old tener Bills to defray the charge of preaching till the last of october next and if that is not suficent that the town will grant more

6) voted a sufficiency of money to pay the commitee that last vewd the county road through our town which was some time last fall

Dudley September y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>t</sup> 1743

warnt

Worcester ss to the constables Jonathan Hebbard and Ebenezer Coburn greeting these are to will and require each of you forthwith to warn the several inhabtance of the town of Dudley in each of your wards qualifd to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on thirsd day y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> of September in at two a clock after noone then and there to act upon the following articles

1) to raise money to pay the reverned m<sup>r</sup> howe what is behind of his salery according to our first covnant with him

2) to raise money to pay the cost of that committee that last vewed the roads through our town for the county and make due return of your doings hearon to the select man as

you will answer the same at the penalty of the law in that case made and provided

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant town clerk

By vertue of this warrent we have warnd the inhabitation of the town of Dudley in each of our wards to meet at time and place within mentioned

Jonathan Hebberd and Ebenezer Coburn Constables

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at a meeting of the inhabitation of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> of September 1743 town meeting

1) voted and chose John Lillie moderater for sd meeting

2) voted the present select men of the town of Dudley to be a committee to treat with the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> perly howe of sd town concerning what is behind of his salerry and to make report to the town of there agreement with him upon thursday y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> day of october next and then the moderater adjourned this meeting to thursday the sixth day of october next at nine a clock in the morning

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Dudley october y<sup>e</sup> 3d 1743 to the inhabitation of Dudley in pursuance of the vote passed at a meeting of the inhabitation of Dudley on y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> day of Sep<sup>r</sup> last appointing us the subscribers a committee to treat with y<sup>e</sup> revd m<sup>r</sup> perly howe upon is due from sd town to him for salery according to there covenant with him we have been with sd m<sup>r</sup> howe upon sd affair and upon our treaty with him we are of opinion that the town ought to grant him forty pounds more in Bills of credit of the old tenger in the whole than hath been already granted him and the sd m<sup>r</sup> howe declared that upon the re-

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ceiving the sd sume with what was before granted him he would give the town a full and final discharge

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Clement Corbin

Joshua healy Richard Kidder

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meeting      at a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> inhabtance of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on thirsday y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> day of october 1743 upon adjournment from y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> day of September last and then voted to the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> howe of sd town 40 pounds in Bills of credit of the old tener for what is behind of his salery for the quarter of a year still behind and the defishence of the money upon y<sup>e</sup> sd m<sup>r</sup> hows giving the town a full and finnel discharge relating to his salerry

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Dudley october ye 19<sup>th</sup> 1743

warnt      Worcester ss      to the constables Jonathan Heberd and Ebenezer Coburn greeting      this is to will and require each of you forthwith to warn the several inhabitants of ye town of Dudley in your wards qualifide to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on thirsday the 27<sup>th</sup> day of october instent at two a clock afternoone then and there to act upon the following articles

1) to chuse a committee to supply our pulpit with a good learned and orthodox minister so long as the town thinks proper and that they be upon probation

2) to raise money to defray the charg therof and make due return of your doings hearon to the select men as you will answer the same at the penelty of the law in that case made and provided

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant      town clerk

By vartue of this warent we have warnd the several inhabi-



tants in each of our wards to meet at time and place within mentioned

Jonathan Hebberd and Ebenezer Coburn Constables

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at a meeting of the inhabitant of the town of Dudley regu- town meeting  
lerly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on thirsday  
the 27<sup>th</sup> day of october 1743

1) voted and chose Decean Edmunds moderater for sd  
meeting

2) voted and chose Joshua healy Sam<sup>n</sup> Newell and Benja<sup>n</sup>  
Conant to be a committee to suply our pulpit with a good  
learned and orthodox minister from the last of october 1743 to  
the begining of march next insuing

3) voted 80 pounds in Bills of credit of ye old tener to de-  
fray the charg of preaching from the first of november 1743 to  
the beginning of march next insuing

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The sume total of the list for the east end of the town in the  
great rate in the year 1743 is 119-5-3 old tener

The sume total of the list for the west end of the town of  
Dudley in the great rat in ye year 1743 is 117-5-4 old tener

These lists made in october 1743 and deliverd in to the  
constables hands with a warnt to each of the constables for  
colecting the same

Constble Jonathan Hebberds list 119-5-3 old tener

Constable Ebenezer Coburns list 117-3-4 old tener

The province rate for the east end of ye town 70-8-11 old  
tener

The province rate for the west end of ye town 66-18-2 old  
tener

The 80 pound rate for ye east end of ye town 41-15-8 old  
tener

The So pound rate for ye west end of ye town 42-14-5 old tener

The county rate for the east end of ye town 3-16-2 old tener

The county rate for the west end of ye town 3-12-6 old tener

These several lists were delivered into the above named Constables hands in january 1743<sup>4</sup>

Dudley February ye 20<sup>th</sup> 1743<sup>4</sup>

notification for  
our aneual  
meeting

Worcester ss these are to notify several inhabitance of the town of Dudley qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on monday the fifth day of March next at nine a clock in the morning Then and there to act upon the following articls

1) to chuse town officcers for the year insuing as the law directs

2) To see if the town will except of a highway laid out by the select men of sd town from the east end of Joshua healy's farm to our meeting house

3) to see if the town will grant money to defray the charge of the county Road throw our town last fall

4) to se if the town will vote that a notification set up at our meeting house a sutable time shall be sufficant warning for our town meetings for time to come

5) to se if the town will come into some agreeable method concerning our shooll house

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerk

our aneual  
meeting

At a meeting of the inhabitance of the town of Dudley Reg-

ulterly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday  
y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 1744

- 1) voted John vintin moderater for sd meeting
- 2) voted to have five select men
- 3) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant the first select man
- 4) voted Joseph Edmunds the second select man
- 5) voted John vintin the third select man
- 6) voted Ebenezer Edmunds the forth select man
- 7) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Newell the fifth select man
- 8) voted the select men assessers
- 9) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant town clerk
- 10) voted Clement Corbine town treasurer
- 11) voted Jacob Chamberlen Constable for the west end of  
the town
- 12) voted Joseph ayrs Constable for the east end of the town
- 13) voted nathan Ramsdil and John Burnel Surveyers of  
high ways for the est end of the town
- 14) voted Jonathan newell and Joseph Sabins surveyers of  
hygh ways for the west end of the town
- 15) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Davis and Joseph Jewell Juner tything men
- 16) voted Jacob Bradbery and John Curtis fence vewers
- 17) voted that swine shall go at large
- 18) voted Sam<sup>l</sup> Child and nathanel Jewell hog reaves
- 19) voted Jonathan newell sealer of waights and measures
- 20) voted and excepted of a high way laid out from Joshua  
Healys farm to our meeting house
- 21) voted and raised fourteen Pounds old tener bills to de-  
fray the charge of the committeey coming upon the county  
roade through our town last fall namly Curnal dwite Curnal  
ward and Capt Conners
- 22) voted that a notification set up at our meeting house a  
suttable time shall be a suffisent warning for our town meetings  
for time to come
- 23) voted John bracket surveyer for the highways for the  
est end
- 24) voted to have the school house opened two hours a  
Sabbath day noons

the several officers above named have taken there oaths to serve in the offices they are chose unto exept Benja<sup>n</sup> Davis and nathaniel Jewell

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Dudley February y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1743<sup>4</sup>

A highway laid out by the select men of sd town Beginning at the est end of Joshua Healys lain at a small black oake tree in the corner of sd healys fence Runing east to a white oake tree markt from thence to a small black oak tree markt from thence est to a little white oak stadle with heep of stons about it from thence to a small Black oak tree markt by the south-west corner of the four acres at our meeting house and the above mentioned marks are all on the north side of sd hig way and the sd highway to be two rods & a half wide

The above mentioned highway was brought in at our anuel meeting in March 1744 and exepted by the town

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Dudley March y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1744

Warrant

Worcester ss to the Constables Jonathan Hibbert and Ebenezer Coburn greeting you are hearby Required forth-with to warn the several inhabatence in the town in your wards qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on thusday the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March instent at one Clock after Noon then and there to act upon the following articles

- 1) To see if the town will make choyce of sume of those gentelmen we have already heard to preach with us upon Probation in order to settle with us in the ministry
- 2) To chuse a committy to Procure those gentelmen to Preach with us
- 3) to grant money to defray the sd charges
- 4) to chuse a Person to take care of our school house upon the Sabbath

5) to raise money for the relefe of mary weller she having become a town charge

and make due Return of your warrants with your doings hearon to the select men as you will answer the same at the Penelty of the Law in that case made and Provided

By order of the select men

Benjamin Conant Town Clerk

By vertue of this we have warned the several inhabitance of the Town of Dudley in our wards

Jonathan Hibbert Ebenezer Coburn Constables

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at a meeting of the inhabitance of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> day of march 1744 town meeting

1) voted John vintin moderater for sd meeting

2) voted to hear mr burbeen fore Sabbaths upon Probation in order to settle with us in the ministry and Provided the gentleman is not to be obtand the same Committee To Procuer mr Leaslen to preach with us under the same head of settling with us

3) voted John vintin Ebenezer Edmunds & Ebenezer Bacon to be a Committee to Procuer the above mentioned Gentlemen to Preach with us fore Sabbaths apeace upon Probation in order to settle with

4) voted 44 Pounds old tener Bills to defray the charge of Preaching 8 Sabbaths

5) voted 18 Pounds old tener Bills for the releff of mary weller she having become a town charge

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Dudley may y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1744

whereas the Brethren of the Chh in Dudley propose to assemble to gather on thirsday the 17<sup>th</sup> day of may instent in order to agree upon a day of fasting and prayer in order to ask notification

Direction and presents of gods spirit in the great and important affair of making choice of a meet person to be set over them in the pastoral office

These are therfore to notify and request the inhabitants of the town of Dudley to meet at our meeting house in sd town on thirsday y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> day of may current at three a clock after noone with the sd Chh to se if they will concur with them in appointing and keeping a solemn fast unto the Lord upon sd important ocasion as the Chh shall agree

By order of the Select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant town Clerk

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Chh meeting      At a meeting of the Chh in Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on Thirsday y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> day of may 1744

- 1) voted Decean Edmunds moderater for sd meeting
  - 2) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Clerk for sd meeting
  - 3) voted unanemusly to hold a day of fasting and prayer to god for Direction in the great and weighty affair of calling and settleing a minister
  - 4) voted that thirsday the 24<sup>th</sup> day of may instent to be held as a Day of solemn fasting and prayer to god for councel and Direction in the great and importent affair before us
  - 5) voted the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Camble of oxford y<sup>e</sup> revd m<sup>r</sup> rice of Sturbrig y<sup>e</sup> revd m<sup>r</sup> Stills of woodstock to be the gentlemen to carry on the work of our fast for us
  - 6) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Newell Eben<sup>r</sup> Bacon and John Burnul jun<sup>r</sup> to be a commitee to treat with those gentlmen concerning carrying on the work of sd day
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town meeting      at a meeting of the inhabitant of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meting house in sd town on thirsday the 17<sup>th</sup> day of may 1744



- 1) voted Decean Edmunds moderater for sd meeting
- 2) voted and concurd with the church in holding and keeping a Day of fasting and prayer to god for Direction in the great and weighty affairs be fore us and also unighted in the choice of those gentlmen to carry on the work of sd day

Worcester ss Dudley May y<sup>e</sup> 26 1744

Warrant

To the Constable or Constables of the town of Dudley greeting you are here by Required to Notify and warn [ ]holders and other inhabittance Qualified as the [ ] to vote in town affairs to Assemble and meet at our meeting house in Dudley on the eleventh Day of June at one of the clock after Noon then and there if thay shall see cause to concur with the Bretheren of the Church in the choice of a Person to settle hear in the work of the gosple ministry provided they shall confine there choice to some one of these following m<sup>r</sup> Easterbrooks m<sup>r</sup> wenchester m<sup>r</sup> Addams m<sup>r</sup> gleason and m<sup>r</sup> Burbean and also to agree upon some sutable settlement and salery for the incuragment of the gentleman then chosen and also to chuse a comm<sup>tee</sup> to inform the gentlman that shall then be chosen as above sd

Eben <sup>r</sup> Edmunds	}	Select
John vintin		
Benj <sup>n</sup> newell		men
Joseph Edmunds		

June y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1744

I have warnd by setting up the notificacyon according to the agreement of y<sup>e</sup> town the freeholders and other inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> town of Dudley according to the Directions in y<sup>e</sup> warrant  
 Jacob Chamberlin Constable

at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regu- town meeting

lerly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday the eleventh day of June 1744

1) voted Decean Joseph Edmunds moderator for sd meeting  
 2) voted and chose m<sup>r</sup> Charls gleason of Brookline to the work of the gospel ministry in sd town by a great majority of vots 46 vots out of 54

3) voted to give the sd m<sup>r</sup> gleason as a consideration for his settleing with us in sd work the sume of 350 pounds in Bills of Credit of the old tener

4) voted to give the sd m<sup>r</sup> gleason 150 pounds per annum in Bills of publick Credit of the old tener for his salery

5) voted and chose Leiu<sup>t</sup> Joshua healy and John Burnul jun<sup>r</sup> a com<sup>tee</sup> to wait upon the sd m<sup>r</sup> gleason with a copy of y<sup>e</sup> foregoing vots

Dudley July ye 16th 1744

warrant To either of the Constables of the town of Dudley Joseph aysr or Jacob Chamberlin greeting you are hearby requird forthwith to notefy by setting this up at the meeting house or warning the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifyd to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on thirsday the 26<sup>th</sup> day of july instent at two of the clock affternoon then and their to act upon the following articles

1) to se if the town will make any additions to what they have already offèred to m<sup>r</sup> gleason for his settlement and salery

2) to chuse a committee to wait upon the honourable judge Dudley [ ] if his honor will afford sume releife under our present [ ] settleing a gospel minister

3) to chuse a committee to address the great and general Court to se if we can have our province tax abaited for y<sup>e</sup> present year and mak Due return of your proceedings to the select men as you will answer the same at the penelty of the law in that case made and provided

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant town clerk

By vertue of this warrant I have warnd the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley by setting this warrant up at the meeting according to the towns agreement

Joseph ayrs Constable

at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regu- town meeting  
lerly assembl'd at our meeting house in sd town on thirsday  
y<sup>e</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> day of july 1744

1) voted and chose Esq vintin moderater for sd meeting

2) voted to give m<sup>r</sup> Charls gleason of Brookline as a con- contract with  
sideration for his settling with us in the work of the ministry m<sup>r</sup> gleason  
400 pounds in Bills of Credit of y<sup>e</sup> old tener

3) voted to give the sd m<sup>r</sup> gleason yearly for his salery so  
long as he shall carry on the work of the ministry with us 180  
pounds in Bills of Credit of the old tener for the first year and  
to add five pounds a year in sd Bills till it coms to two hundred  
pounds and to keep the money as good as it now is

4) voted to give the sd m<sup>r</sup> gleason after the expiration of  
four years 20 cords of wood yearly for the support of his fire  
cut and carted to his house

5) voted m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> newell a Comittee man to wait upon the  
honourable judge Dudley of Roxbury to se if he will afford us  
any releife under our present chargs in settleing a minister and  
also to address the great and general Court to se if we can  
have our province tax abaited for the present year

6) voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Edmunds and Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant a Comittee to  
wait upon m<sup>r</sup> gleason with a copy of the town vots

Dudley September y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1744

Worcester ss to either of the Constables of the town of warrant  
Dudley Joseph ayrs or Jacob Chamberlin greeting you are  
hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify by posting this up  
at the meeting house the several inhabitants of the town of

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Dudley qualifyd to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on thirsday y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> day of Sep<sup>r</sup> instent [

]ne a clock after noone then and there to act upon the following articles

1) To se if the town will dispose of some part of the four acres of Land at our meeting house upon some reasonable terms for m<sup>r</sup> gleason to build him a house on provided he shall settle with us

2) To se if the town will state m<sup>r</sup> gleasons salerry at silver so much an ounce as m<sup>r</sup> gleason and the town shall agree

3) for the town to receive m<sup>r</sup> gleasons answer provided he is disposd to give it

4) To se if the town will give to m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan newell and m<sup>r</sup> Benja<sup>n</sup> newell of that pew which m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Scott Built in our meeting house there paying the first cost in Building the same

5) To se if the town will give to m<sup>r</sup> Thomus Cheeny of Dudley that sd Cheeny built on David Southwicks grant

6) To chuse a person to address the general Court to se if we can have our province tax abated for the present year

and make Due return of your proceedings to the select men as you will answer the same at your pèril

By order of the select men

Benj<sup>n</sup> Conant town Clerk

By vertue of this warrant I have warnd the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley by posting this up at our meeting house according to the towns agreement to meet at time and place within mentioned

Joseph ayrs Constable

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town meeting at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on thirsday y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> Day of Sep<sup>r</sup> 1744

1) voted and chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Edmunds moderater for sd meeting

2) voted to give m<sup>r</sup> Charls gleason of Brooklin one acree of land squar of at the south end of the four acres of the towns Land at our meeting house and half an acree adjoining lying about three squar on the west of sd four acres provided he shall settle with us in the work of the ministry

3) voted that silver shall be the standard for m<sup>r</sup> gleasons salerry

4) voted that m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan newell and m<sup>r</sup> Benja<sup>n</sup> newell of Dudley shall have that pew that m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Scott built in our meeting house upon the same footing the rest of the pews are disposd of there paying the first cost in Building the same

5) voted that m<sup>r</sup> Thomus Cheeny of Dudley shall have that pewe which sd Cheeny Built in our meeting house on David Southwicks grant upon the same footing that the rest of the pews are disposed of

6) voted not to send any person to the general Court concerning our province taxe

7) voted our axceptance of m<sup>r</sup> gleasons answer as well satisfied with it to settle with us in the work of y<sup>e</sup> ministry

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To the Church and town of Dudley gentlemen

mr gleasons  
answer

The first offers you made me to settle with you in the ministry were such as I verily beleive it was not my Duty to accept and though you have since made some addition yet I have at present that charity for you as to think you have not increased them as you would have done had not your circomstances been so difficult as I perceive just now they are I have taken into serious consideration your invitation and offeres y<sup>e</sup> circomstances of the tims and of your town and have concluded to answer as follows viz

I as to the settlement you offer though it is small yet what some persons not living in the town have given encourgment they will do for me besids y<sup>e</sup> four hundred which you offer moves me to except it and rune the risque which I think is not small of gitting Land by and by to settle upon

2 as to the salary it is so small that were you a large and an able people I would not except it but I expect that you will keep up y<sup>e</sup> value of it by making it yearly equal to silver at so much an ounce as it is at this time and also that in case my circomstances by & by call for & yours will admitt it youll make further additions to it I fully expected you would have given me some wood at my first settling with you but since you have not done it I wont now insist upon it but I would let you know that I depend upon your giving me a sufficiency of fire wood yearly after the expiration of y<sup>e</sup> four first years for I am fully perswaded y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> salary you offer me will barely enough serve to provid other necesiceries upon the whole I would Let you know y<sup>t</sup> I depend much upon your generiosty towards me in case you shall be able and I stand in need and nowe hoping I am in y<sup>e</sup> way of my duty I hearby declare y<sup>t</sup> I except your invitation to settle with you in y<sup>e</sup> work of y<sup>e</sup> ministry entreeting of god to furnish me for and assist me in this great and and important work and undertaking and to make me an instrument of promoting your unity peace and comfort & everlasting salvation in fine Begging of god to Bless and prosper you in all your lawfull interst and concerns & to inable us to live in love and peace while on earth and at death to translate us to his heavenly kingdom and glory I subscrib your affectionat freind and servent

Dudley Sept<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1744

Charls gleason

Dudley Sept<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1744

warrant

Worcester ss to either of the Constables of the town of Dudley Joseph ayrs or Jacob Chamberlin greeting you are hearby required forthwith to warn or notefy by posting this up at our meeting house the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifid to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 24 day of Sept<sup>r</sup> instent at one a clock after noone Then and there to act upon the following articles



1) To agree upon a day for the ordination of m<sup>r</sup> Charls gleason to the work of the ministry amongst us

2) to raise money to Defray y<sup>e</sup> charge of the sd ordination

3) to chuse a committee to make provision for ye sd Day

4) to agree upon a place were entertainment shall be made

5) to agree upon whate Churchs to send to to assist us in the ordination

6) to se if the town will part with any of that box of glass in our meeting house to m<sup>r</sup> John pottee and make Due return of your proceedings to the select men as you will answer the same at your peril

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerke

By vertue of this warant I have warnd the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley by posting this up at our meeting house according to the towns agreement to meet at time and place within mentioned

Joseph ayrs Constable

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at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regu- town meeting  
lerly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday  
the 24<sup>th</sup> day of Sep<sup>r</sup> 1744

1) voted and chose Decean Edmunds moderater for sd meeting

2) voted that wensday the 31<sup>t</sup> day of october 1744 shall be the Day for the ordination of m<sup>r</sup> charls gleason to the pasteral office amongst us

3) voted and chose the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Alline of Brooklin the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> nathanael walter of roxbury y<sup>e</sup> revd m<sup>r</sup> Cambel of oxford y<sup>e</sup> revd m<sup>r</sup> Stills of woodstock ye revd m<sup>r</sup> rice of Sturbrig the revd m<sup>r</sup> brigam of brimfeild to be the gentlemen to assist us in the ordination of m<sup>r</sup> Charls gleason of Brooklin to the work of y<sup>e</sup> ministry amongst us

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Dudley November y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1744

warrant

Worcester ss to either of the Constables Joseph ayrs or Jacob Chamberlin greeting you are hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify by posting this up at our meeting house the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifd to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on friday y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> Day of november instent at one a clock after noone then and there to act upon the following articles

1) to grant money to Defray the charg of preaching from the first of july last to y<sup>e</sup> first of november instent

2) to grant money to pay m<sup>r</sup> horsmere for building the pound and make Due return of your proceedings to the select men as you will answer the sam at the peril of the Law in that case made and provided

By order of y<sup>e</sup> select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerk

By vertue of this warrant I have warnd the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley by posting this up at our meeting house according to the towns agreement to meet at time and place within mentioned

Joseph ayrs Constable

nothing acted upon this warrant because people Declind there atendence at the meeting

Dudley november y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1744

the Lists made for the province county and town rates and Delivered into the constables hands with a warrant for collecting the town rates

Constable ayrses List for the province sume total 22-6-8 and to the County 1-8-9

Constable ayrses List for the town rate sume total 57-19-11

Constable Chamberlins List for y<sup>e</sup> province sume total 21-0-0 and to the County 1-7-6

Constable Chamberlins List for the town rate sume total 75-18-6

and the several List above named are all in y<sup>e</sup> new tenor  
m<sup>r</sup> gleasons salary to begin at his ordination

to make the town rates for this year 200 pounds of m<sup>r</sup> gleasons settlement 180 pounds for his salary 44 pounds for m<sup>r</sup> burbeen and [ ] upon probation and 56 pounds for m<sup>r</sup> gleason from [ ] last to his ordination and 20 pound for m<sup>r</sup> howe for [ ] eason the same time and 18 pound for the support of [ ] and about 14 pounds for the charg of y<sup>e</sup> county [ ] he old tenor

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Dudley november y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1744

Worcester ss to either of the constables of the town of Dudley Joseph ayrs or Jacob Chamberlain greeting you are hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifid to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on thirsday the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December next at at one a clock after noone then and there to act upon the following articles

warrant

1) to se if the town will agree to hier a school master for the winter season

2) if they Do agree thereto then to grant money to Defray the charg thereof and also to chuse a committee to provid a school master and Likwise a place for him to board at and make Due return of your proceedings to the select men as you will answer the same at the peril of the law in that case made and provided

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerk

By vertue of this warrant I have warnd the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned by posting this up at our meeting house according to the towns agreement

Jacob Chamberlain Constable

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meeting

at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on thirsd day y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1744

1) voted and chose Decean Edmunds moderater for sd meeting

2) voted 50 pounds in money of the old tenor to be raised upon the inhabitants of Dudley to Defray the charge of schooling as far as the money will go and each part of ye town to pay there proportion of money for schooling were they se cause to subscribe

3) voted Captt Corbin Lesten<sup>t</sup> healy and Lesten<sup>t</sup> newell for a committee to provid a schoole master for the senter of the town and a place for hime to board at

4) vote Esq<sup>r</sup> Vintin m<sup>r</sup> Joseph putney and m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Sabin for a committee to provid a school master for the west end of the town and a place [            ] him to board at

Dudley january y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1744-5      the school rate for ye east end of the town of Dud'ey Delivered to ye Constable Joseph ayrs      sume total of his List 6-19-8 new tenor

Dudley january y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1744-5      the schoole rate maid for ye west end of the town of Dudley and Delivered to the Constable Jacob Chamberline sume total of his List 7-2-3 new tenor

to make up the sume in these List is 50 pounds for schooling and 6 pounds to m<sup>r</sup> horsmere for building the pound old tenor

Dudley Feb y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1744-5

Then Received of the Town of Dudley the whole of all the Salary granted to Me by said Town unto this Day

I Say Received by Me

Perley Howe

Dudley February y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1744 5

Worcester ss      to either of the Constables of the Town of      warrant  
Dudley Joseph Ayrs or Jacob Chamberlin Greeting      you  
are hearby Required forthwith to warn or Notify by Posting  
this up at our meeting house the several inhabtance of y<sup>e</sup> town  
of Dudley Qualifyd to vote in Town affairs to meet at our  
meeting house in sd Town on monday the forth Day of march  
next at ten a clock in y<sup>e</sup> morning then & there to act upon the  
following articles

- 1) To chuse Town officers for the year insuing
- 2) to see if the town will establish such highways as then  
shall be brought in to the town meeting for there acceptance
- 3) to see if ye town will allow m<sup>r</sup> horsemore account and  
money and make Due Return hearof to the select as will  
answer the same at the Peril of the Law in that case made and  
Provided

By order of y<sup>e</sup> select Men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant      Town Clerk

By vartue of this warrant I have warned the several inhabi-  
tants of the Town of Dudley to meet at time and place within  
mentioned by Posting this up at our meeting house

Joseph Ayrs Constable

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At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> inhabtance of y<sup>e</sup> town of Dudley Regu-  
lerly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday  
the y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Day of march 1745

- 1) voted Capt Corbine moderater for sd meeting
- 2) voted to have 5 select men for the year insuing
- 3) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant y<sup>e</sup> first select man
- 4) voted Deacon Edmunds y<sup>e</sup> second select man
- 5) voted Capt Corbine y<sup>e</sup> third select man
- 6) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Newell y<sup>e</sup> forth select man
- 7) voted Samuel Newell y<sup>e</sup> fifth select man
- 8) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant town clerk
- 9) voted Capt Corbine town treasurer

- 10) voted Lef<sup>t</sup> Newell Constable for y<sup>e</sup> west end of y<sup>e</sup> town
- 11) voted Sam<sup>l</sup> Fairbank Constable for y<sup>e</sup> est end of y<sup>e</sup> town
- 12) voted Jonathan Hobbs & John Burnel Sener surveyers of high ways for y<sup>e</sup> west end of y<sup>e</sup> town
- 13) voted John burnal junr & John bracket surveyers of highways for the est end of y<sup>e</sup> town
- 14) voted Philip Corbine & Eligah gore tything men
- 15) voted Lef<sup>t</sup> Healy & Josep Putney fence vewers
- 16) voted Lef<sup>t</sup> Newell sealer of wats & measurers
- 17) voted to have swine shut up
- 18) voted Daniel Harrise Joshua vintin Andew White Habakkuk Davison hog reves for the year insuing
- 19) voted and accepted that sed<sup>r</sup> higway from mixers saw mill to a highway formerly Laid out from nathan Ramsdills to Ebenezer Davsons this Road to be two Rods wide
- 20) voted and allod m<sup>r</sup> horsemores account of fore Pounds and five shiling and sum odd pence old tenor

These several officers above chosen have taken there oaths as the Law Directs

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Dudley may y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1744 then a highway Laid out by the select men of sd town begining at phinahas mixers saw mill through sd mixers Land by the west end of his house to a large chasn[ ] tree in sd mixers Land markit on the east sid of sd road [ ] thence pritty straight through the norwest corner of nath[ ] Land to a large chasnut tree by the east sid of a [ ] markit on the west sid of sd road on Capt [ ] and from sd rune the whole to go on Capr gores Land to a road formerly Laid out by the select men from nathan ramsdils to Eben<sup>r</sup> Davisons and this road from mixers about a southerly cors to the othere road and to be two rod wide and this road was brought to anueil meeting in march 1745 and establisht by the town

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April y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1745 then the select men made a rate for to powder rates  
procur a town stock of ammonition and sume total of the east  
end List is 6-13-0 newe tenor

and the sume total of the west end List is 6-17-3 new tenor

and these several Lists were Compleated and Delivered into  
the Constables hands with warrants for colecting the same  
namly Constable Sam<sup>ll</sup> fairbanks for the east end and Constable  
Jonathan newell for the west end of the town of Dudley

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Dudley may y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1745

Worcester ss to either of the constables of the town of warrant  
Dudley Sam<sup>ll</sup> fairbanks or Jonathan Newell greeting you  
are hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify by posting this  
up at our meeting house the several inhabitants of the town of  
Dudley qualifyd to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting  
house in sd town on thirsday y<sup>e</sup> ninth Day of may instent at  
three a clock after noone then and there to act upon the  
following articles

1) to chuse a sutible person to represent our town at y<sup>e</sup> great  
and general court to be held and kept at the town house in  
Boston for y<sup>e</sup> year insuing for his majestys services

2) to se if y<sup>e</sup> town will pay to m<sup>r</sup> Joseph ayrs of Dudley  
the sume of two hundred pounds old tenor Bills it being the  
one half of the revd m<sup>r</sup> gleasons settlement and to pay one  
hundred pounds in november 1746 and the other hundred in  
november 1747 with the interst thereof

3) to se if the town will reconsider the vote that was past  
at our Last anneueal meeting concerning the shuting up of  
our swine and to Let them go at Large

and make Due return of your proceedings to the select men  
as you will answer your Defalt at the peril of the Lawe in that  
case made and provided

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerk

By vertue of this warrant I have warnd the inhabitants of

*Dudley Town Records, 1745.*

the town of Dudley by posting this up at our meeting [      ]  
to meet at time and place within mentioned

Sam<sup>n</sup> fairbanks Constable

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town meeting    at a meeting of the inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd Town on thirsday y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Day of may 1745

1) voted and chose Cap<sup>t</sup> vintin moderater for sd meeting  
2) a vote being requested wether the town would send a representative to the general court and the vote past in the negative

3) agreed that nothing should be acted on y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> article in ye warrant

4) voted that swine shall go at Large being regulated according to Law

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April y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1745      then we the subscribers select men of oxford and Dudley preabelated and renewed the Bounds between our sd townships of oxford and Dudley begining at a heap of stons on the north sid of a Little brook in judge Dudleys south Line of his farme and being the Northwest corner of Lef<sup>t</sup> Larnerds Lot from thence west to a heap of stones on a Rock it being the southwest corner of Judge Dudleys farm from thence North to a heap of stones which is the northwest corner of Judge Dudleys farm & thence runing about west to the Southwest corner of oxfod and Northwest corner of Dudley adjoining upon Sturbrig

Benja <sup>n</sup> Conant	} Select men of Dudley
Clement Corbine	
Samuel Newell	

Ebenezer Learned	} Select men of Oxford
Israel Town	

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May y<sup>e</sup> 3 : 1745            after Lawfull warning Given wee the subscribers select men of woodstock & Dudley meet and perambulated y<sup>e</sup> Bounds Between sd Towns we begun at a heep of stones in y<sup>e</sup> east Line of woodstock being one of y<sup>e</sup> south-west corners of Dudley & from thence to a large w<sup>t</sup> oak Being y<sup>e</sup> N : E corner of woodstock thence in y<sup>e</sup> north line of woodstock untill we come to a large heap of stons westterly to y<sup>e</sup> utmost south w<sup>t</sup> corner of sd Dudley By a large w<sup>t</sup> pine tree we renewed y<sup>e</sup> Bounds formerly maid within the Dementions above mentioned

Henry Bowen } Select men for  
Dan<sup>l</sup> paine    } Woodstock

Joseph Edmunds } Select men  
Benja<sup>n</sup> newell    } for Dudley

Dudley November y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1745

Worcester ss            to either of the Constables of the town of Dudley Sam<sup>l</sup> fairbanks or Jonathan newell greeting            you are hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify by posting this up at our meeting house the several inhabitants of Dudley qualifid to Vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on tuesday y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> day of november instent at one a clock after noone            then and there to act upon the following articles

warrant

- 1) to se if the town will agree to have a schoole and in what method to have it kept
  - 2) to grant money to Defray the charge thereof
  - 3) to chuse a committee to provid schooling and a place for the schoole master to board at
  - 4) to se if the [    ] will consider and help the treasurer in what is Lost of the Land tax and also to releve some of the Constables in there rates which they cannot recover
- and make Due return of this warrant as you will answer the

same at the peril of the Law in that case maide and provided  
By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant town clerk

by vertue of this notifikation I have notifid the several inhabitants of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned  
Sam<sup>l</sup> fairbanks Constable

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town meeting at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> day of november 1745

1) voted and chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Corbin moderater for sd meeting and by reason y<sup>e</sup> peoples not being more generally together we thought fitt to adjourn the sd meeting to monday the eighteenth Day of november instent at one a clock after noone at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town upon the adjournment from y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> day of november 1745 to monday y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> of this instent november

1) voted to have a school kept three months this winter season at our school house

2) voted 30 pounds in old tenor bills to Defray the charg of a schools being kept at our school house this winter season

3) voted Lef<sup>t</sup> Joshua healy and m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Corbin to be a Committee to provid a school master and also a place for him to board at

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warrant

Dudley November y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1745

Worcester ss to either of the constables of the town of Dudley Sam<sup>l</sup> fairbanks or Jonathan newell greeting you are hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifyd to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> daye

of December next at one a clock after noone then and there to act upon the following articles

- 1) to se if the town will reconsider or Disanul the vots at our Last town meeting concerning our having a school kept
  - 2) to come into sune other method for schooling
  - 3) to grant money to Defray the charg thereof
  - 4) to chuse a committee or committees to provide schooling and likewise a place or places for sd person or persons to board at and make Due return of this warrant as you will answer y<sup>e</sup> same at the peril of the Law in that case made and provided
- By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerke

In obedience to this warrant I have notifiyd y<sup>e</sup> inhabitants of this town according to the custum of y<sup>e</sup> place By posting of it at the publick meeting house

Sam<sup>l</sup> fairbanks constable

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at a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday the 2<sup>d</sup> day of December 1745

meeting

- 1) voted and Cap<sup>t</sup> Vintin moderater for sd meeting
- 2) voted to belong to the west end of the town for schooling to begin at Elijah gores from thence to John Davisons and to nathaniel jewells from thence to philip newells these familys with all living in the westerly part of the town from them to be a society for schooling by themselves

Division of  
school wards

- 3) voted to belong to the east end of the town for schooling to begin on the west Line of old m<sup>r</sup> Dickes farm from to m<sup>r</sup> Bastose and these with all on the east sid the french river to be a sosiety for schooling by themselves and that the town remain so Devided for schooling for the future

- 4) voted that both y<sup>e</sup> west and y<sup>e</sup> east end of the town shall have there proportion of the thirty pounds of money granted at our Last town meeting for to Defray y<sup>e</sup> charg of schooling

- 5) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph putney and m<sup>r</sup> Benja<sup>n</sup> newell to be a

committe to provid schooling for the west end of y<sup>e</sup> town

6) voted old m<sup>r</sup> Dicke and Jacob bradbery to be a committee to provid schooling for the east end of the town

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Dudley December 1745

the Lists made by the assessers of sd town for the province county and town rates with warrants for colect[ ] the town assessments and Deliverd into y<sup>e</sup> Constables han[ ]

Constable Sam<sup>l</sup> fairbanks List to the province som total 26-17-9 new tenor and to the county 1-7-4 new tenor and in his town List the sume total 44-14-3 new tenor and in his school List y<sup>e</sup> sume total 4-0-1

and Constable Jonathan newells List to y<sup>e</sup> province sume total 24-4-9 new tenor and to the county 1-4-11 new tenor and his town List the sume total 52-0-1 new and in his school List sume total 3-14-6 new tenor

and the sume to make up these great List of the town rats is m<sup>r</sup> gleason his salary 185 pounds and 200 pounds of his settlement

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Dudley January y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1745-6

warrant Worcester ss to either of the Constables of ye town of Dudley Sam<sup>l</sup> Fairbanks or Jonathan Newell Greeting you are hereby Required forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitation of the Town of Dudley qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on monday ye 3 day of fabruary Next at two a clock after Noone then and there to act upon ye following articles

1) to chuse a committee to settle acompts with the town treasurer Relating to the tows money and to make report to the town of there settlement with the treasurer at our next aneual meeting

2) to see if the town will build a school house at the west



Part of the town            and make Due Return of this warrant as  
you will answer the same at the Peril of the Law in that case  
made and Provided

By order of ye select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant            town clerk

In obedience to this warrant I have Notified the Inhabitanee  
of this town according to the Late custom of this Place By  
posting a copy of the articles within mentioned

P: <sup>m</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup> fairbanks Constable

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at a meeting of the inhabitanee of the town of Dudley regu- town meeting  
lerly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday  
ye 3<sup>d</sup> of february 1745-6

1) voted mr Nathanel Dike moderater for sd meeting

2) voted to have 3 men for a committe to settle with the  
town treasurer

3) voted and chose m<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>n</sup> Conant mr Sam<sup>ll</sup> Newell &  
m<sup>r</sup> John Lillie for a committee to settle acompts with the town  
treasurer relating to the towns money and make report to the  
town at our Next aneuel meeting

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Dudley February y<sup>e</sup> 14 1746

Worcester ss            to either of the Constables of the town of warrant  
Dudley To Sam<sup>ll</sup> fairbanks or Jonathan Newell Greeting  
you are hereby Requird forthwith to warn or notify the several  
inhabitanee of ye town of Dudley qualifyd to vote in town  
affairs to meet att our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup>  
3<sup>d</sup> Day of march Next at nine a clock in the morning    Then  
and there to act upon the following articals

1) to chuse town officers for the year insuing as the law  
Directs

2) to see if the town will establish the several highways

which are then to be brought to the town for there acceptance  
and make Due Return of this warrant as you will answer  
y<sup>e</sup> same at the peril of the Law in that case made and Provided  
By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant      Town Clerk

In obedience to this warrant I have notified the several inhabitation of this town that are quallified to vote in town affairs by Posting a notification spacifying the time and Place where and the several artticals to act upon at meeting according to the custom of the Place

pm      Sam<sup>l</sup> fairbanks Constable

meeting

at a meeting of the Inhabitation of y<sup>e</sup> town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> Day of march 1745

- 1) voted m<sup>r</sup> nathaniel Dicke moderater for sd meeting
- 2) voted there non accepttence of the commettees account from y<sup>e</sup> treasurer
- 3) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant town clerke
- 4) voted to have five select men
- 5) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant y<sup>e</sup> first select man
- 6) voted John Lillie the 2<sup>d</sup> select man
- 7) voted richard kidder y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> select man
- 8) voted Joseph putney the 4<sup>th</sup> select man
- 9) voted John pollie the 5<sup>th</sup> select man
- 10) voted Sam<sup>l</sup> newell town treasurer      voted y<sup>e</sup> select men to be assesers
- 11) voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Edmunds Constable for the west end of y<sup>e</sup> town
- 12) voted philip Corbin Constable for the east end of the town
- 13) voted Elijah gore and uriah richardson tything men
- 14) voted Sam<sup>l</sup> fairbanks sen<sup>r</sup> and Jacob bradbery surveyers of highways for the east end of the town

15) voted Eben<sup>r</sup> Bacon and Elijah Dodge surveyers of highway for y<sup>e</sup> west end

16) voted that swine shall go at Large being yoked & ringed as y<sup>e</sup> Law Directs

17) voted Eben<sup>r</sup> grigs to be hogge reves

18) voted John<sup>r</sup> Curtis and Sam<sup>ll</sup> fairbanks jun<sup>r</sup> to be fence vewers

19) voted there acceptance of the too highways one from Daniel Coburns sen<sup>r</sup> to our meeting house and one from Joseph putneys to nathan Denises

the several officers above named have taken there oaths accept Cap<sup>t</sup> Edmunds

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Dudley november y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1745

A highway laid out by the select men of sd town begining<sup>r</sup> at the west end of Daniel Coburn Sen<sup>r</sup>s house runing about north to a little wight oak stadle with a heep of stons about it between the road and his old feild fence at the north part of his feild from thence runing about north straight to a chasnut tree with a heep of stons about it standing by the road that coms from Cap<sup>t</sup> Clement Corbins to our meeting house near the little bridge and the above sd marks are on the east sid of sd road and sd road to be four rod wid from sd Coburns to our meeting house

Some time in the fall in the year 1744 the select men of Dudley were up at m<sup>r</sup> Joseph putneys house in sd town in order to alter the road that was formerly laid out by the select men of sd town from m<sup>r</sup> putneys by Eben<sup>r</sup> Coburns and we thought it most convinient to have it from m<sup>r</sup> putneys house runing about southeast through sd putneys land by a cuple of walnut stadles and over the brook at the south part of his medow at a place calld the bever Dame and from thence near as the path nowe is to a little gate between sd putneys land and Eben<sup>r</sup> Coburns land and so through the south west corner of sd Coburns as the path is now trod into

*Dudley Town Records, 1745-6.*

the north end of nathan Denises lain and this alteration was maid for these reasons namly it being most agreeable to the neighbourhood that imbroved it and Least charge in mending and the straightest road

and these above sd roads were brought to our aneual meeting in march 1746 and accepted by the town

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Sturbrige january y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1745-6

then received of Jonathan and Benja<sup>n</sup> newell of Dudley the sume of seven pounds old tenor which is in full for a pewe which I the subscriber built in Dudley meeting house and am now satisfid for sd pewe which is the first cost therof according to the town vote concerning the pews I say receivd by Joseph Scott which is in full

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Dudley march y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1745-6

Constable Jonathan newell you are hearby requird forthwith to notify Eben<sup>r</sup> Edmunds gent<sup>l</sup> to appear at the house of m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> newells in sd town on wedensday y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Day of this instant at 5 a clock after noone in order to take the Constable's oath

By order of y<sup>e</sup> select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant      Town Clerk

march y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1745-6

I have according to order within written sited Eben<sup>r</sup> Edmunds at time and place in order to take his oath

Jonathan newell Constable

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Dudley may y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1746

warrant

Worcester ss      to Constable philip Corbin greeting      you

are hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifid to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> day of may instent at two a clock after noone then and there to act upon the following articles

1) to chus a meet person to represent the town of Dudley at the great and general court to be kept at the town house in boston the year insueing

2) to se if the town will give the widow Chamberline her rats

3) to se if the town will hire a reading school the summer insueing and if they Do to grant money to Defray the charg thereof and to chuse a committee to provide sd schooling

4) to se if the town will build a school house at the west part of the town and if they will to grant money to Defray the charg thereof

5) to se if the town will come into some other method for the mending of our highways and make Due return of this warrant with your proceedings as you will answer the same at the peril of the law in that case made and provided

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant town clerke

By vertue of this notificacion I have notifid the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned

philip Corbin Constable

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at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regu- town meeting  
lirly assembled att our meeting house in sd town on monday  
y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> of may 1746

1) vote and chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Clement Corbin moderater for sd meeting

2) vote not to send a representitive to the great and general Court

3) a vote being requested weather the town will hire a

reading school the summer insuing and the vote past in the negative

4) voted to come into some other method for the mending of our highways

5) vote 100 pounds old tenor for the mending of our highway the present year

6) voted that worke at our highways in the months of may june and july at ten shillings a day and in August and september at 8 shilling a Day and after that at six shillings a Day

warrant

Dudley Sep<sup>tt</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1746

Worcester ss to Constable philip Corbin greeting  
you are hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifd to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in [ ] town on tusday y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> Day of this instent at twelve a clock then and there to act upon the following articles

1) to se if the town will allow Cap<sup>t</sup> Edmunds five pounds old tenor to serve as constable and the other charge that has arisen on that account or to leave the matter to three men whome sd Edmunds and y<sup>e</sup> town shall appoint

2) to se if the town will raise money to provide a standerd of weights and meassurs for the towns use

3) to se if the town will grant money to defray the charge of John rich

4) to se if the town will agree to hier schooling for this winter and if so then to grant money to defray the charg thereof and also to chuse committees to provid sd schooling

5) to se if the town will proceed build a school house at the west part of the town and make due return of this with your proceeds as you will answer the same at the peril of the Law

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerke

By vertue of this notification I have notifyd the several in-



habitants of the town of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned

philip corbin Constable

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at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on tuesday y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> of Sep<sup>r</sup> 1746 town meeting

- 1) voted Deacon Edmunds moderater for sd meeting
  - 2) voted not to give Cap<sup>t</sup> Edmunds five pounds to serve as Constable for the present year nor yet to leave it to men to desid the matter
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at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on tuesday y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> Day of Sep<sup>r</sup> 1746 upon adjournment from y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> day of this instent Sep<sup>r</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> day of sd month

- 1) voted to have a standerd of weights and meassurs provided for the towns use as may be with convinincy
  - 2) voted fourteen pounds old tenor to John Lillie for his charg with John rich
  - 3) voted 19 pounds old tenor to Jams Corbin for his board- ing John rich 19 weeks
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a true List of the nams of y<sup>e</sup> members of the Baptist Church in Dudley Joseph wakefeild Benja<sup>n</sup> putney paul robinson Silas robinson Jonathan putney and the nams of them that attend the Baptist meeting francisse curtis John Curtis william wakfield this is to sartify the town clerk of Dudley and the assesers of sd town that we have chosen paul robinson and francisse Curtis to se that the assessers give order to the Constable of Dudley not to take any rates of the brethern nor of any of the

List of the  
baptist

society of the baptist Church to support your minester or  
 Defray minesteral charges or erecting any place of worship  
 for your society may y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1744

Jonathan marsh clerk of the Baptist Church

Jams Coats brother of the Church

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Dudley october y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1746

a warrant

Worcester ss to Constable philip Corbin greeting  
 you are hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several  
 inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifd to vote in town  
 affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on wedensday  
 the 29<sup>th</sup> of this instent at one a clock after noone then and  
 there to act upon the following articles

1) to se if town will chuse a person to serve a select  
 man instead of John pollice being in his majestys servis

2) to se if the town will agree to remove the school house  
 that is by our meeting house for the better convening the in-  
 habitants belong to sd school or to have y<sup>e</sup> school removed as  
 they may think fitt

3) to se if the town will allow to our brethren in the west  
 part of the town there proportion in money or labour which  
 they paid to our school house at our meeting house

4) to grant money to defray the charge of schooling for  
 this winter season and likewise to chuse committees to provid  
 sd schooling and make due return of your proceedings as  
 you will answer ye same at the peril of y<sup>e</sup> law in that case  
 made and provide

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerk

By vertue of this notifcation I have notifd y<sup>e</sup> several inhab-  
 itants of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned  
 philip corbin constable

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at a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> inhabitant of ye town of Dudley town meeting  
regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on wed-  
nesday y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> Day of october 1746

- 1) voted Esq Vinton moderater for sd meeting
  - 2) voted Esqr Vinton select man in the roome of m<sup>r</sup> John  
pollice he being in his majestis servis
  - 3) voted that the school belonging to the middle part of  
the town is to be removed for this year as y<sup>e</sup> societee shall  
agree
  - 4) voted that the west society for schooling shall have  
there part in money or labour which they paid towards the  
school house at our meeting house
  - 5) voted 50 pounds old tenor to defray the charg of school-  
ing as far as the money will go
  - 6) voted m<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Bacon and m<sup>r</sup> John burnul a committee  
to provide schooling for the middle part of the town
  - 7) voted m<sup>r</sup> John Curtis and m<sup>r</sup> Elijah gore a committee  
to provid schooling for the west part of the town
  - 8) voted m<sup>r</sup> John Brackit and m<sup>r</sup> Jacob bradbery a com-  
mittee to provid schooling for the east part of the town
- the sd Esq<sup>r</sup> Vinton tooke the assessers oath imedeatly upon  
his being chosen
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Dudley December 1746

the rats made for this year with warrants for colecting the  
same signd by the assessers and deliverd into the consta-  
bles hands the 8<sup>th</sup> day of this instent

Constable Eben<sup>r</sup> Edmunds list to the province & county  
25-2-7

and his list to the ministers rate 25-1-11

and his liste to the school rate 6-9-10

and his list for John rich rate 4-17-1

Constable philip Corbins list to y<sup>e</sup> province & county  
25-10-7

and his list to the minester rate 22-19-4

and his list to the school rate 6-7-6  
 and his list for John richs rate 4-15-0

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 meeting

at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday the second day of march 1747

- 1) voted Cap<sup>t</sup> John Vinton moderater for sd meeting
- 2) voted to have five select men
- 3) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant y<sup>e</sup> first select man
- 4) voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Vinton the second select man
- 5) voted Deacon newell y<sup>e</sup> third select man
- 6) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph putney y<sup>e</sup> fourth select man
- 7) voted m<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Bacon y<sup>e</sup> fifth select man
- 8) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant town clerke
- 9) voted m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> newell town treasurer
- 10) voted m<sup>r</sup> Elishua Sabin constable for y<sup>e</sup> west end of the town
- 11) voted m<sup>r</sup> Uriah richardson constable for y<sup>e</sup> east end of the town
- 12) voted m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Hobbs and m<sup>r</sup> Benja<sup>n</sup> Davis tything men.
- 13) voted m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Hobbs and m<sup>r</sup> Joseph jewell jun<sup>r</sup> surveyers of highways
- 14) voted m<sup>r</sup> nathan ramsdil and m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Corbin surveyers of highways
- 15) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Healy sealer of weights and measurs
- 16) voted m<sup>r</sup> Elishua Corbin and m<sup>r</sup> Joseph polly hogreavs for y<sup>e</sup> insuing year
- 17) voted that swine shall go at large for y<sup>e</sup> year insuing
- 18) voted m<sup>r</sup> Jacob bradbery and m<sup>r</sup> John Curtis at the west end fence vewers

and the several officers above named have taken there oaths as the law directs

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Dudley may y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1747

Worcester ss      to either of the constables of the town of      warrant  
Dudley Elishua Sabin or uriah richardson greeting      you are  
hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabi-  
tants of the town of Dudley qualifd to vote in town affairs to  
meet at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> day  
of this instent at one a clock after noone then and there to act  
upon the following articles

1) to chuse a meet person to represent the town at the  
great & general court to be held and kept in Boston y<sup>e</sup> year  
insuing

2) to chuse a Constable in the room of Constable richardson

3) to se if the town will place them large stons to under-  
pine our meeting house that m<sup>r</sup> gleason may have the stons  
which are now under sd house

4) to see if the town will build the galery stairs and if they  
proceed then to chuse a committee to procure the stuff and git  
the work done and also grant money to defray the charge therof

5) to se if the town will grant money to pay the charge of  
taking care of our meeting house and also releve those consta-  
bles concerning money they could not recover

6) to see if the town will hier schooling and grant money  
to defray the charge theirol and likewise to chuse a committee  
for schooling

7) to see if town will chuse a committee to wait upon the  
rever<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason to sarch into the fall of money

8) to raise money for the mending our highway and set a  
price upon labour

9) to chuse a person to take care of the pound

and make due return of your proceedings as you will answer  
the same at the perile of the law

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant      Town Clerk

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town meeting at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> of may 1747

- 1) voted Deacon Edmunds moderater for sd meeting
- 2) a vote being requested if y<sup>e</sup> town would send a representative and it past in the negative
- 3) voted and chose Paul robinson constable for y<sup>e</sup> east end of the town in the roome of uriah richardson
- 4) voted 100-0-0 old tenor to provide stuff for our galery stairs and to finish the galery flower and do the brest work of the galery or as fare as the money will go
- 5) voted and chose Esq<sup>r</sup> Vinton insign newell and m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Putney for a committee to procure the above sd stuff and to git sd work done as soon as they can
- 6) voted forty shillings old tenor a year to roger cartur for taking care of our meeting house namly for opening y<sup>e</sup> Doors & sweeping sd house
- 7) voted 60-0-9 old tenor to Defray the charge of schooling y<sup>e</sup> year insuing
- 8) voted m<sup>r</sup> Thomas newell and m<sup>r</sup> John Burnul a committee to provid schooling for the senter of the town
- 9) voted Esq<sup>r</sup> Vinton and m<sup>r</sup> Joseph putney a school committee for the west part of the town
- 10) voted m<sup>r</sup> John Brackit and m<sup>r</sup> Jacob bradbery a school committee for the east part of the town
- 11) voted m<sup>r</sup> John Burnul to take care of the pound

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Worcester ss      Dudley may y<sup>e</sup> 22 1747      y<sup>e</sup> select men of Dudley being Pr[      ] and paul robinson being latly cirosen constable in sd town tooke the oath of office for a constable appertaining before sd select men and town clerk being present and at there desire before me

John Chandler      justtice apeace

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Dudley November y<sup>e</sup> 20 1747

Worcester ss      to either of the constables of the town of  
Dudley Elishua Sabin or paul robinson greeting      you are  
hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabi-  
tants of the town of Dudley qualifd to vote in town affairs to  
meet at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> day  
of Nov<sup>r</sup> instent at one a clock after noone      then and there  
to act upon the following articles

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1) to se if the town will grant money to pay m<sup>r</sup> Hebberd  
for keeping John rich

2) to se if the town will grant money to procure a standerd  
of weights and measurs for the town's use

3) to see if the town will consider the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason as  
to his salery as to the deficncy of the money and likewise if  
m<sup>r</sup> gleason and and the town seas cause to state his salery by  
the nesseserys of life

4) to see if the town will chuse a committee to state a  
place for a school house at the west end of the town and to  
mak return to the town

and make Due return of your proceedings as you will answer  
your Default at the peril of ye law in that case made and  
provided

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant      Town Clerk

By vertue of this notifcation I have notifd the several in-  
habitants of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned

Elishua Sabin      Constable

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at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regu-  
larly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday  
y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> day of november 1747

meeting

1) voted and chose Deacon Edmunds moderater for sd  
meeting

2) voted 29-6-0 old tenor to m<sup>r</sup> Hebberd for his keeping  
John rich rich three and twenty weeks

3) voted 10-0-0 old tenor to procure a stander of weights and measurs for the use of the town

mr gleasons  
grant

4) voted sixty pounds old tenor for the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason for the Difictioncy of money for y<sup>e</sup> time past & till this year is out

5) voted and chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Corbin m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Newell and m<sup>r</sup> John Burnul for a committee to state a place for a school hous at the west end of the town

Dudley December 1747 the rates made for y<sup>e</sup> present year Constable Elishua Sabins list to y<sup>e</sup> province and county 35-19-5 and his list for the minester and meeting house 52-18 8 and his list for y<sup>e</sup> school and for Hebbberd and a stander 13-1-0

Constable paul robinsons list to y<sup>e</sup> province and county 32-12-4 and his list for the minester and meeting house 41-1-2 and his list for y<sup>e</sup> school and for Hebbberd and for a stander 11-2-3

the several lists above mentioned were compleated in December 1747 with warrents for colecting the same and delivered into the Constables hand and y<sup>e</sup> sed lists all in y<sup>e</sup> new tenor



Dudley march y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1747-8 Then recieved three hundred & eighty five pounds old tenor in full for my settlement and salary from y<sup>e</sup> last of October 1745 to y<sup>e</sup> last of Oct<sup>r</sup> 1746

Charles Gleason

Dudley march y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1754 Then received y<sup>e</sup> sum of one hundred and and sixty eight pounds sixteen shillings and eight pence in full of my salary settlement and arrearages to y<sup>e</sup> last day of October 1753

As witness my hand Charles Gleason

at our aniuell meeting regularly assembled at our meeting house on the first monday y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1747-8 by a vote of the town

1) voted and chose m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup> Newell moderater for sd meeting

2) voted to have five select men

3) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant select man

4) voted Deacon Newell select man

5) voted m<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Bacon select man

6) voted m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup> Newell select man

7) voted Lef<sup>t</sup> Healy select man

8) voted the select men to be assessers

9) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant town clerk

10) voted m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup> Newell town treasurer

11) voted m<sup>r</sup> John Brackit constable for the east part of y<sup>e</sup> town

12) voted m<sup>r</sup> John Curtis constable for the west part of y<sup>e</sup> town

13) voted m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Hobbs tything man

14) voted Lef<sup>t</sup> Healy sealer of waits and measuerse

15) voted Daniel Harris and Jacob bradbery surveyers of highways east part

16) voted Deacon Edmunds and insign Newell surveyers of highways west part

17) voted Eben<sup>r</sup> Coburn and Daniel Dodge hogereav<sup>s</sup> and fence vewers

18) voted insign Newell and quarter master bacon for Dear reavs

the several officers above named have taken there oaths

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Dudley march y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1747-8

Worcester ss                      to either of the constables of the town of Dudley John Curtis or John Brakit greeting    you are hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifyd to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house on monday y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> Day of march instant at

warrant

one a clock after noone then and there to act upon the following articles

1) to se if the town will hier schooling for the year and if so then to grant money to defray the charg thereof

2) if the town shall proceed then to chues a committee or committees to provid schooling

3) for the town to agree upon sume method for the mending of our highways

4) to se if the town will allow swine to go at large and make Due return of your proceeding as you will answer Default at the peril of the law in that case made and provided

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant town clerk

By vertue of this notifikation I have notifyd the several inhabitants of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned

John Curtis Constable

town meeting at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> day of march 1748

1) voted Deacon Newell moderater for sd meeting

2) voted to hier a school master for the year insuing

3) voted 100-0-0 old tenor besids whate is in banke of school money not yet spent in schooling to defray the charg of schooling the year insuing

4) voted m<sup>r</sup> John Burnul m<sup>r</sup> Jacob Bradbery and m<sup>r</sup> Elijah gore for a committee to provid a school master the year insuing

5) voted 200-0-0 old tenor for the mending our highways y<sup>e</sup> year insuing

6) voted labour at our highways from the first of April to the last of August at fifteen shillings old tenor a day and in

the months of Sep<sup>r</sup> and october at twelve shillings a day and after that at eight shillings p<sup>r</sup> Daye

7) voted to have swine go at large y<sup>e</sup> year insuing

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Dudley may y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1748

Worcester ss                      to either of the constables of the town of  
Dudley John curtis or John Brakit greeting                      you are hearby  
requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants of  
the the town of Dudley qualifyd to vote in town in town affairs  
to meet at our meeting house on monday the 16<sup>th</sup> day of may  
instent at three a clock after noone                      then and there to act  
upon the following articles

1) to se if the town will chuse a meet person to represent  
the town at the great and general court kept and held in Boston  
for his majestis service to begin the 25<sup>th</sup> of the instent

2) to chuse a pound keeper and likewise to remove the  
pound were it may be more convinient

and make Due return of your proceedind as you will answer  
your Default at the peril of the law in that case made and  
provided

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant                      Town Clerk

By vertue of this notification I have notifyd the several in-  
habitants of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned

John Curtis                      Constable

But no Deputy chosen

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Dudley September y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1748

Worcester ss                      to either of the constables of the town of  
Dudley John Curtis or John Brackit greeting                      you are  
hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabi-  
tants of the town of Dudley qualifyed to vote in town affairs to  
meet at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> day

of this instent at one a clock after noone      then and there to  
act upon the following articles

1) to chuse a committee to build a school house at the west  
part of the town

2) to se if the town will grant the east part of the town  
there proportion in money or labour of what they paid towards  
our school house at the meeting house and likewise to chuse a  
committee to build them a school house

3) to se in whate method the town will mend our meeting  
house windows

4) to se if the town will grant money to pay the present-  
ment at Worcester concerning our school

5) for the town to agree upon some method to provid the  
rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason his fire wood

6) to se if the town will consider the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason as to  
his salery and likewise to state his salery by the nesecerys of  
life and make due return of your proceedings as you will  
answer your Default at the Peril of the Law in that case made  
and provided

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant      Town Clerk

By vertue of the within written notification I have notifyd  
the several inhabitants of Dudley to meet at time and place  
within mentioned

John Curtis      Constable

town meeting      at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regu-  
larly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup>  
26<sup>th</sup> day of September 1748

1) voted m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Newell moderater for sd meeting

2) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph putney m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Sabin and John  
Curtis for a committee to build a school house at the west part  
of the town

3) voted to the east part of the town there proportion in



money or labour which they paid to our school house by our meeting house

4) voted m<sup>r</sup> Jacob bradbery m<sup>r</sup> John Brackit and m<sup>r</sup> paul Robinson for a comitee to build a school house at the east part of the town

5) voted that every person haveing a window adjoyning to his pewe in our meeting house shall maintain the glass of sd window against his pew

6) voted ten pounds old tenor to pay the charge of our presentment at Court concerning our school

7) voted to the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason 30 cord of wood for his fires at 30 shilling a cord for the coming year and to be provided at his house by y<sup>e</sup> middle of jan<sup>r</sup> next

mr gleasons  
grant

8) voted to the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason sixty pounds old tenor for the coming year as a consideration for the Dificiency of money besids his 200-0-0

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December y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1748

Worcester ss to either of the constables of the town of notification  
Dudley John Curtis or John Brakit greeting you are hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifid to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on tusday the 20<sup>th</sup> of this instant at one a clock after noone then and there to act upon the following articles

1) to chuse a juryman for february Court at Worcester

2) to grant money for the school at the west part of ye town

3) to se if town will allow the west part of our town some of meeting house glass for there school house

4) to receive the west end committees account of the charge of there school house

5) for town to agree which part of time the school master shall keep at our meeting house and which part at the ends of

the town and likewise to grant money for our standerd more then has been granted

6) to se if the town will grant money to pay the rev<sup>r</sup> m<sup>r</sup> ruggls and the rev<sup>r</sup> m<sup>r</sup> howe for there preaching with us one Sabbath and one fast

and make due return of your Doings as you will answer your Default at the peril of the law

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerk

By vertue of this notification I have notifyd the several inhabitants of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned

John Brakit Constable

town meeting at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at meeting house in sd town on tusday y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> of December 1748

1) vote Cap<sup>t</sup> Vinton moderater for sd meeting

2) voted a suficiency of money for the west end school to make up whate is wanting with what is in Cap<sup>t</sup> Edmunds hands

3) voted that the west part of the town shall have of our meeting house glass for there school house

4) voted there acceptance of the west end committees account of the charge of there school house

5) voted twenty eight pounds old tenor for the middle of the town to pay to the west end school house

6) vote 3-10-0 more old tenor for our standerd & also 12-0-0 old tenor for the rev<sup>r</sup> m<sup>r</sup> ruggles and for y<sup>e</sup> rev<sup>r</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Howe

December 1748

Constable John Cortiss list to the province and county 34-3-1 new tenor and his list to the minester 34-3-7 new

tenor and his list in the school rate 13-3-0 new tenor and his list for the west end school house 27-15-8 new tenor

Constable John Brakits list to the province and county 79-16-3 new tenor and his list to the minister 30-17-5 new tenor and his list in the school rate 12-17-1 new tenor and his list for the middle of y<sup>e</sup> town to the west school house 7-0-0 new tenor

and these several lists were made in December 1748 and Deliverd into the Constables hands with warrants for Colecting the same

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Dudley february y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1748-9

Worcester ss                      to either of the constables of the town of  
Dudley John Curtis or John Brackitt greeting                      you are  
hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabi-  
tants of the town of Dudley qualifyd to vote in town affairs to  
meet at our meeting house in sd town on monday the sixth Day  
of March next insuing at teen a clock in the forenoone                      then  
and there to act upon the following articles

warrant

1) to chuse town officers for the year insuing as the law directs

2) to se if the town will alter the road formerly laid out through David Southwicks land which in now Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomus Cheeneys and to have it on the west side of his wall and also anther road to be alterd which was laid out through the north east corner of Jonathan Newells land and through m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Newells paster and m<sup>o</sup>wing and to have it in or near where the path is now trode

3) to se if the town will accept of a roade through Leftenant Healys land from the south end of John Davisons laine to m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Newells gate

and make Due return of your proceedings as you will answer your Defalt at the peril of the Law in that case provided

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant                      Town Clerke

By vertue of the within written notification I have notiyd

the inhabitants of Dudley qualifid to vote in town affairs to  
meet at time and place within mentioned

John Curtis      Constable

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town meeting      at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regu-  
larly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday ye  
six<sup>th</sup> Day of march 1749

- 1) voted and chose Esq<sup>r</sup> Vinton moderater for sd meeting
- 2) voted to have five select me for the year insuing
- 3) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant select man
- 4) voted Esq<sup>r</sup> Vinton select man
- 5) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Newell select<sup>r</sup> man
- 6) voted John pollie select man
- 7) voted John Brackit select man
- 8) voted the select men to be assessers
- 9) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant town clerke
- 10) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Newell town treasurere
- 11) voted Rihcard kidder constable for the east end of ye  
town
- 12) voted Elijah gore constable for the west end of the town  
at a meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> of this instent
- 13) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Healy sealer of waits and measuers
- 14) voted m<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>tn</sup> Hobbs and paul rich surveyers of high-  
ways for y<sup>e</sup> west end
- 15) voted m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup> fairbanks and m<sup>r</sup> James Corbin surveyers  
of highways for y<sup>e</sup> east end      Jams Corbin being chosen at a  
meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> of this instent march
- 16) voted Eben<sup>r</sup> Coburn and Eben<sup>r</sup> Davison tything men
- 17) voted Daniel Harris and Elijah Dodge fence vewers
- 18) voted that swine shall go at large
- 19) voted Joshua Healy jun<sup>r</sup> and Eben<sup>r</sup> robinson hoge revees
- 20) <sup>x</sup>voted by the town there acceptance of a highway  
through Cap<sup>u</sup> Cheenys farm which he hade of m<sup>r</sup> David South-  
wicke and to have it on the west sid of sd Cheenys wall two

rode wide and to release the road formerly laid out through sd farm by the interveile

21) voted by the town there acceptance of a highway from the south end of John Davisons laine through Liffenent Joshua Healys land two rode wide to m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Newells gate

the several officers above named have taken there oaths as the Law Directs

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m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Newell treasurer his account for y<sup>e</sup> year 1748 whate I have received into the treasury and paid out

to the rev <sup>d</sup> m <sup>r</sup> gleason the sume of	255-0-0	old tenor
to the meeting house committe the sume of	100-0-0	old tenor
to Jonathan Hebbberd the sume of	29-6-0	old tenor
to the west school committee the sume of	20-8-8	old tenor
to the midle school committee y <sup>e</sup> sume of	32-5-8	old tenor
to the east school committee the sume of	7-5-8	old tenor
to the select men to provide a standerd	10-0-0	old tenor
to roger Cartur for taking care of y <sup>e</sup> meet- ing house	6-0-0	old tenor

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may y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1749

Worcester ss to either of the constables of the town of  
Dudley Richard Kidder or Elijah gore greeting you are  
hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabi-  
tants of the town of Dudley qualifyd to vote in town affairs to  
meet at meeting house in sd town on wedensday y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> day of  
this instent at three a clocke after noone then and there to  
act upon the following articles

warrant

1) to chuse a meet person to represent our town at the  
great and general court to begin on the last wedensday in this  
month in Boston and so through the year

2) to agree upon some method for the mending of our  
highways

3) to see if the town will hire a school Dame the summer insuing and grant money to Defray the charge thereof if need be

4) to chuse a person to repair our meeting house as to the claboards shingles and glass

5) to grant money to pay for taking care of our meeting house and sweeping

and make Due return of your proceedings as you will answer your Defalt at the peril of law in that case made and provided

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant town clerke

By vertue of the within written notification I have notifyd the inhabitants of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned

Elijah gore Constable

meeting at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on wednesday y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> of may 1749

1) voted Deacon Edmunds moderater for sd meeting

2) voted not to send a Deputy to the general court this year

3) voted 100-0-0 old tenor for the mending our highways this year with whats behind

4) voted labour this summer at twenty shillings old tenor a day and in Sep<sup>r</sup> and october at fifteen shillings a day and after that at twelve

5) voted to have a school Dame or Dames for the summer season

6) voted and chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Corbin to reparaire the outsid of meeting house as to the claboards shingles and glass

7) voted 60-0-0 pounds old tenor for schooling

8) voted 2-10-0 old tenor a year for taking care of our meeting house & sweeping



Dudley August y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>t</sup> 1749

Worcester ss                      to either of the constables of the town of                      warrant  
Dudley Richard kidder or Elijah gore greeting                      you are  
hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabi-  
tants of the town of Dudley qualifyd to vote in town affairs to  
meet at our meeting house in sd town on tusday y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> of  
August instent at one a clock after noone                      then and there to  
act upon the following articles

1) to se if the town will state the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleasons salery  
by the nessiserys of life

2) to chuse a committee to treat with the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason  
concerning his salery

3) to chuse a person to be a grave Diger in sd town

4) to chuse a surveyer or two for highways

5) to chuse a committee to provide schooling for the insu-  
ing year

6) to grant money to Defraye charge of schooling and also  
sume money to pay for ye repairing of our meeting house and  
likwis sum more money for the committee that was to gite the  
galery stairs and front work of our galery done

7) to chuse a pound keeper

and make Due return of your proceeding as you will answer  
your Defalt at the peril of the Law

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant                      Town Clerk

By vertue of this warrant I have notifyd the inhabitants of  
Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned

Elijah gore                      Constable

this meeting is adjurnd by the moderater to thirsday next at  
four a clock after noone to receive the Committees return from  
y<sup>e</sup> rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason

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at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regu-                      meeting  
larly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on tusday y<sup>e</sup>  
29<sup>th</sup> of August 1749

- 1) voted Esq<sup>r</sup> Vinton moderater for sd meeting
- 2) voted to chuse a committee to treat with y<sup>e</sup> rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason concerning his salery
- 3) voted Esq<sup>r</sup> Vinton Cap<sup>t</sup> Corbin and Left<sup>t</sup> Newell for a committee to treat with y<sup>e</sup> reverend m<sup>r</sup> gleason concerning his salery and to make there return at the adjurnment of this meeting
- 4) voted m<sup>r</sup> John Burnul grave digger for y<sup>e</sup> midle part of the town
- 5) voted Lef<sup>t</sup> Healy a surveyer of highways for y<sup>e</sup> midle of y<sup>e</sup> town
- 6) voted Cornit Bacon m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Sabin and m<sup>r</sup> Jacob Bradbery for a committee to provid schooling y<sup>e</sup> year insuing
- 7) voted 80-0-0 old tenor to Defray y<sup>e</sup> charge of schooling y<sup>e</sup> year insuing
- 8) voted 30-0-0 old tenor to pay Cap<sup>t</sup> Corbin for repair of our meeting house and for our committee that was to gite our galery stairs and front worke of our galery done
- 9) voted m<sup>r</sup> John Burnul pound keeper
- 10) voted four hundred pounds old tenor for the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleasons salery for the insuing year at the adjurnment of y<sup>e</sup> meeting above sd

mr gleasons  
grant

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Dudley november 1749

Constable Elijah gores list to the province is 67-18-7 and his list to the minester 56-7-2 and his list to the school 24-10-11

Constable richard kidders list to the province 67-4-0 and his list to the minester 47-3-0 and his list to the school 22-14-11

these list new tenor            these list delivered to these sd constables with warrants for colecting the same in november 1749

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Dudley February y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1749-50

warrant

Worcester ss            to either of the constables Elijah gore or

Richard Kidder greeting      you are hearby requird forthwith  
to warn or notify the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley  
qualifyd to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house  
in sd town on monday the fifth day of march next at ten a  
clock in the fore noon      then and there to act upon the fol-  
lowing articles

- 1) to chus town officers for the year insuing
- 2) to se if the to will except of the several highways  
which are to be laid before them on sd day  
and make Due return of your proceedings as you will answer  
your Defualt at the peril of the Law

By order of the select men

Benjá<sup>n</sup> Conant      Town Clerk

By vertue of the within written notifikation I have notified  
the inhabitants of Dudley to meet at time and place within  
mentioned

Elijah gore      Constable

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at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regu-  
larly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday  
y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Day of march 1749-50

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meeting

- 1) voted Cap<sup>tt</sup> Cheney moderater for sd meeting
- 2) voted to have five select men for the year insuing
- 3) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant select man
- 4) voted Deacon Newell select man
- 5) voted Cap<sup>tt</sup> Corbin select man
- 6) voted John Brackit select man
- 7) voted Lef<sup>tt</sup> Healy select man
- 8) voted the select men to be assessers
- 9) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerk
- 10) voted Joseph putney town treasurer
- 11) voted Elisha Corbin constable for the east end of y<sup>e</sup>  
town
- 12) voted Elijah Dodge constable for the west end of y<sup>e</sup>  
town

- 13) voted Joseph upham and phinehas mixer tything men
  - 14) voted John Curtis and Nathaniel jewell surveyers of highways
  - 15) voted philip Corbin and Silas robinson surveyers of highways
  - 16) voted that swine shall go at large
  - 17) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Edmunds and will<sup>m</sup> wakfeild hogereavs
  - 18) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Davis and Jacob Chamberline fence vewers
  - 19) voted by the town there exceptence of the highway laid out by the select men of sd town from the coloney line by Cap<sup>t</sup> Browns and Benja<sup>n</sup> putneys and by Silas robinsons to m<sup>r</sup> george Robinsons mills
  - 20) voted by the town there non exceptence of a Bridle road through philip amidowns and timothy fosters land for y<sup>e</sup> present
  - 21) voted by the town there non exceptence of a highway laid out from Cap<sup>t</sup> Chenys land to Joseph Vintons house for y<sup>e</sup> present
- the several officers above named have taken there oaths as the Law directs

Dudley February y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1749-50

a highway Laid out by select men of sd town of Dudley beginning at the Colleny Line by the house of Cap<sup>t</sup> Browns and runing as the road is now fencet by the house of Benja<sup>n</sup> putney and so by the house of Thomus Halls between his house and sd putneys land and then as the road is now trode west by where the house of John tompson stood and as the road is now trod to Silas robinsons on the west side his old feild fence as he hath begune to build a stone wall and as the road is now trod between m<sup>r</sup> george robinsons old house and barn and as the road is now trod strate down to sd robinsons mills sd road to be two rods wide

this highway was brought to our aneual in march 1749-50 and excepted by the town

Dudley may y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1750

Worcester ss                      to either of the constables of the town of                      warant  
Dudley Elijah Dodge or Elisha Corbin greeting                      you are  
hearby requird forthwithe to warn or notefy the several inhabi-  
tants of the town of Dudley qualifd to vote in town affairs to  
meet at our meeting house in sd town on monday the twenty  
first day of may instent at two a clock after noone                      then and  
there to act upon the following articles

1) to chuse a person to represent our town at the great and  
general to be held in Boston y<sup>e</sup> year insuing

2) to agree on sune method for the mending of our high-  
ways and grant mony to Defray y<sup>e</sup> charge thereof

3) to grant money to pay for the pound and stocks and  
also to pay the assessers for there last years service

and make due return of your proceedings as you will answer  
your Defalt at the peril of the law

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant                      Town Clerk

By vertue of the within written notifikation I have notified  
the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley to meet at time  
and place within mentioned

Elijah Dodge                      Constable

at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regu-                      meeting  
lerly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday  
y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>t</sup> day of may 1750

1) voted not to send a representative to y<sup>e</sup> general Court

2) voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Corbin moderater for sd meeting

3) voted to mend our highways in y<sup>e</sup> method we have done  
of late

4) voted labour at our highways at three shillings lawfull  
money a Day for the three sumer months and for Sep<sup>t</sup> and  
october at two shillings a Day in y<sup>e</sup> same money

5) voted twenty five pound lawfull money for the mending  
our highways the year insuing

6) voted three pound lawfull money for rectifying the pound and making the stocks

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Dudley october y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1750

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Worcester ss to either of the constables of the town of Dudley Elijah Dodge or Elisha Corbin greeting you are hearby required forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifid to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on tusday y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> day of this instent at one a clock after noone then and there to act upon the following articles

1) to chuse a committee to treat with the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason concerning his salery and fire wood

2) to see if the town will hire schooling and grant money to Defray the charge thereof and likewise to chuse a committee to provide schooling

3) to se if the town agree to Build the seats in y<sup>e</sup> gallerys of our meeting house if so to grant money to Defray the charge thereof and also to chuse a committee to provid stuff and se the work done

and make due return of your proceedings as you will answer your Defalt at the peril of the Law

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerk

By vertue of the within written I have notifyd the inhabitants of the town of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned

Elijah Dodge Constable

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town meeting at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on tusday y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> day of october 1750

1) voted Deacon Edmunds moderater for sd meeting



2) voted and chose m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Healy m<sup>r</sup> John Brackit and m<sup>r</sup> Jacob Bradbery a committee to treat with rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason concern his salery and fire wood

this meeting is adjuornd to monday next at three a clock after noone

1) voted at the adjuornment by the town to chuse a committee to settle with the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason concerning his salery from his first setleing with us to now

2) voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Newell Deacon Newell and m<sup>r</sup> Joseph upham for the above sd committee

3) voted to have schooling the year insuing

4) voted 13-6-8 lawfull money for schooling the year insuing

5) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Healy m<sup>r</sup> John Curtis and m<sup>r</sup> Jacob Bradbery for committee to provid schooling the year insuing

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Dudley December y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1750

Worcester ss to either of the constables of the town of Dudey Elijah Dodge or Elishau Corbin greeing you are hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifid to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on tusday y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> of December instent at one a clock after noone then and there to act upon the following articles

warrant

1) for the town to receive the committees report from y<sup>e</sup> rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason concerning his salery and if they agree well and if not then

2) to se if the town will state the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleasons salery by the nesseserys of Life and if need be to chuse a committee to settle the affaire with the sd m<sup>r</sup> gleason

3) to grant m<sup>r</sup> gleason his fire and whate a cord

4) to se if the town will allow Canstable Elishua Corbin his charge for transporting a poor traviler from town to town

5) to se if the town will allow the path as it is now trod from the house of philip amidowns acrose the french river to

the house of timothy fosters to be mended by the surveyer as highway work so as to be comfortable pasing with horse

and make Due return of your proceedings as you will answer your Defalt at the peril of y<sup>e</sup> law

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant      Town Clerk

I have warnd y<sup>e</sup> inhabitantes of the town of Dudley accord-  
ing to the within written

Elijah Dodge      Constable

meeting      at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regu-  
larly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on tusday y<sup>e</sup>  
25<sup>th</sup> of December 1750

1) voted Esq<sup>r</sup> Vinton moderater for sd meeting

2) voted by the town there non acceptance of the com-  
mittees report from y<sup>e</sup> rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason concerning his salery

3) voted to the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason 30 cords of wood fit for his  
fire brought to his house at five shillings and four pence a cord  
in lawfull money

4) voted thirteen shillings and four pence to constable  
Elishua Corbin in lawfull money for his charge in transporting  
a traviler from town to town

5) voted that a few of the neighbours over the french river  
shall be allowed so much of there highway work as is nessisery  
to make convinent pasing for hors or man where the path now  
is from philip amidowns to timothy fosters

December 1750      the school rates made and deliverd into  
the constables hands with warrants for colecting the same and  
in constable Elijah Dodges list to the school sume total  
10-17-10 and constable Elishua Corbins list for y<sup>e</sup> school  
rates sume total 9-7-8 lawfull money

in which list were put in the county rats and for the pound

and stocks and for Elishua Corbin for his transporting a traviler

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Dudley january y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1740-51

Worcester ss            to either of the constables of the town of  
Dudley Elijah Dodge or Elisha Corbin greeting            you are  
hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabi-  
tants of the town of Dudley qualifyd to vote in town affairs to  
meet at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> Day  
of february next at twelve a clocke            then and there to act  
upon the following articles

warrant

1) to se if the town will alter the stander of the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup>  
gleasons salery and state it upon the necesarys of life

2) to grant the sd m<sup>r</sup> gleasons salery for the present year

3) to se how much the town will grant to make up the  
Deficiency of his salery in years paste

4) to se if the town will allow the widow polley what her  
husband left on booke against the town for serveing as assesser

5) to se if the town will abate m<sup>r</sup> Bastow his rates assesst  
upon him in constable Brackits list

and make due return of your proceedings as you will answer  
your Defalt at the peril of the Law

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant            Town Clerke

By vertue of the within writen I have notifyd the inhabi-  
tants of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned

Elishua Corbin            Constable

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at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regu-  
lerly asembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday  
y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> day of february 1750 51

meeting

1) voted Deacon Newell moderater for sd meeting

2) voted 44-8-0 Lawfull money for the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleasons salery for the present year

mr gleasons  
grant

3) voted 44-8-0 Lawfull money to make up the Deficiency of the sd m<sup>r</sup> gleasons salery in years past

4) voted not to allow the widow polleys account nor to abate m<sup>r</sup> Bastows rats

Dudley february y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1750-51

warrant

Worcester ss to eithere of the constables of the town of Dudley Elijah Dodge or Elishua Corbin greeting you are hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifyd to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on the first monday in march next at nine a clock in the morning then and there to act upon the following articles

1) to chuse town officers for y<sup>e</sup> year insuing as the law directs

2) to se if the town will establish the several highways laid out by the select men of sd town which are then to be laid before them

and make due return of your proceedings as you will answer your Defalt at the peril of the law in the case maid and provided

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerke

By vertue of this notifcation I have notifyd the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned

Elisha Corbin Constable

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meeting

at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> day of march 1751

1) voted Esq<sup>r</sup> Vinton moderater for sd meeting

- 2) voted to have five select men
- 3) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant select man
- 4) voted Deacon Newell select man
- 5) voted Esq<sup>r</sup> Vinton select man
- 6) voted Leftenant Healy select man
- 7) voted John Brackit select man
- 8) voted the select men to be assessers
- 9) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant town clerke
- 10) voted Joseph Upham town treasurer
- 11) voted Silas robinson constable for y<sup>e</sup> east end of y<sup>e</sup> town
- 12) voted Joseph Vinton constable for y<sup>e</sup> west end of the town
- 13) voted John Burnul and Joshua weatherel surveyers of highway
- 14) voted Joshua Vinton and Joshua healy jun<sup>r</sup> surveyers of highways
- 15) voted Sam<sup>l</sup> Corbin and Eben<sup>r</sup> trusdil tything men
- 16) voted Let<sup>t</sup> Healy sealer of waits and measurs
- 17) voted Elijah Dodge and Eben<sup>r</sup> Davison fence vewers
- 18) voted Jedediah marcy and will<sup>m</sup> Cartur hogreivs
- 19) voted that swine shall go at large
- 20) voted by the town there axceptance of a highway laid out by the select men of sd town west from Esq<sup>r</sup> Vintons house over the river through Joseph Vintons land to the road that coms through Cap<sup>t</sup> Cheenys farm
- 21) voted by the town there axceptance of a highway laid out by the select men of sd town from Elijah Dodgs house to the town road that coms from Jacob Chamberlins to John Curtises
- 22) voted by the town there axceptance of a highway laid out by the select men of sd town from the colony line runing about north between paul robinsons and John Brackits land and through frances Curtiss land east of his house and through Jacob Bradberys land and through Stepehn Chapmens land and through John Curtises land in or near where y<sup>e</sup> path is now trod to the road that coms from the meeting house to m<sup>r</sup> george robinsons

the several officers chosen at this meeting have taken there oaths to there several offices as the law directs axcept some of y<sup>e</sup> lesser officers Declind taking y<sup>e</sup> preveus oath

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Dudley August y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1750      a highway laid out by the select men of Dudley begining at or near a little Bridge about fifty rods east of the great Bridg that is over the french river on the town roade from thence about south to John Curtises feild east of sd feild where or near the path thats now trode thence to a certain whit oake tree near the line Between Jacob Bradburys and Stephen Chapmuns land from thence to the northeast corner of sd Bradburys feild from thence to frances Curtises laine and through sd lain east of his house from thence to paul Robinsons northwest corner thence to John Brackits north east corner in or near the path thats now trode from thence Between sd robinson and sd Brackit on the Devision line and so to the colonny line      this roade to be two rod wide and were it gos between two persons a rod out of each mans land

Dudley December 17<sup>th</sup> 1750

a highway laid out by the select men of sd town begining at m<sup>r</sup> John Vintons house from thence to quineboge river about two rods above the old board way and so over the river to a white oak tree stand on the bank of the river from thence about west to the ridge of upland Between the intervail and upland from thence straight a crose Joseph Vintons improved land to the south end of a cartain peace of ston wall of Joseph Vintons that stands By the roade thats now occupid from Cap<sup>t</sup> Cheenys cammile farm to Joseph Vintons house and from the south end of sd stonwall to the south end of the town roade thats already establisht through y<sup>e</sup> sd cammil farme

Dudley December 1750      a highway laide out by the select men of sd town begining at the north end of a ston wall a little distance from Elijah Dodges house about south east from sd Dodgs house from the end of sd wall upon the Devision line Between Elijah Dodge and Nathan Dennises farm laitly



purchase of Collonel Chandler or formerly richs farm to the town road near the south end of the great meadow this roade is two rods wide and all upon the west side of sd line mostly out of Dodgs land the rest is out of a little wedge of land and a cros the end of it y<sup>t</sup> belongs to the ayrs of the great lot and if any charge arise from the same it is to be understood that Elijah Dodge is to pay the same

note that the three road hear enterd was brought to our annual meeting in march y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1750-51 and axcepted by the town

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Dudley march y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1751

Worcester ss            to eithere of the constables of the town of  
Dudley Joseph Vinton or Silas robinson greeting            you are            warrant  
hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabi-  
tants of the town of Dudley qualifyd to vote in town affairs to  
meet at our meeting house in sd town on monday the 8<sup>th</sup> day of  
April next at one a clock after noone            then and there to act  
upon the following articles

1) to se if the town will accept of the proposals which the  
rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason made the town at our last anneule meeting  
with respect to his salery or

2) to se if the town will grant y<sup>e</sup> rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason 41-13-4  
lawfull money for his salery for the present year and 23-6-8  
lawfull money for arerages

3) to se if the town will agree on sune method for y<sup>e</sup> mend-  
ing of our highways

4) to chuse pound keeper also a person to dige graves

5) to grant money to defray the charge of schooling

6) to reckon with the meeting house committee

7) to se if town will chuse a committee to vewe a peace of  
country land between our town and Duglis in order to petion  
for a school farm

and Due return of proceedings as you will answer your  
Defalt at the peril of the law

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant            Town Clerk

By vertue of the within written notification I have notifiyd  
the inhabitants of Dudley to meet at time and place within  
mentioned

Joseph Vinton      Constable

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meeting :      at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regu-  
larly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday  
y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 1751

- 1) voted Deacon Newell moderater for sd meeting
- mr gleasons      2) voted for the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleasons salery for the present year  
grant      25-13-4 in lawfull money and 15-0-0 lawfull money to y<sup>e</sup> rev<sup>d</sup>  
m<sup>r</sup> gleason for y<sup>e</sup> Deficiency of the same
- 3) voted 23-6-8 lawfull money to y<sup>e</sup> rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason for  
the Deficiency of his salery in years past
- 4) voted 60-0-0 lawfull money for y<sup>e</sup> mending of our  
highways
- 5) voted labour at our highways from April to the last of  
Augst next at 0-2-6 a day and after that at 0-1-6 a day in  
lawfull money
- 6) voted will<sup>m</sup> Cartur pound keeper and John pettis to dig  
gravs
- 7) voted 13-6-8 money to Defray the charge of schooling
- 8) voted Esq<sup>r</sup> Vinton lef<sup>t</sup> Healy and m<sup>r</sup> paul robinson for  
a committee to vewe a peace of country land between our town  
and Duglis and make report to the town at our meeting in may
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Dudley may y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1751

warant      Worcester ss      to either of the constables of the town of  
Dudley Joseph Vinton or Silas Robinson greeting      you are  
heaby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabi-  
tants of the town of Dudley qualifyd to vote in town affairs to  
meet at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> day of

this instent at four a clock after noon then and there to act upon the following articles

1) to chuse a meet person to represent our town at the great and general court the year insuing to be held in Boston which begins the last wedensday of this instent

2) to receive the committees report concerning the land Between our town and Duglis which they have vewed

and make Due return of your proceedings as you will answer your Defalt at the peril of the law

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant      Town Clerk

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at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> day of may 1751 town meeting

1) voted Esq<sup>r</sup> Vinton moderater for sd meeting

2) voted not to send a Deputy to the general court

this meeting is adjurnd to monday y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> of may instent at four a clock after noone to conclud on sumthing about the land our committee vewed between our town and Duglis and nothing done because people Declind there atendence at the meeting

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the minesters and school rates maide in june 1751

the minesters rate for the west end of the town to constable Joseph Vinton is 36-19-2 lawfull money and his school rate is 7-6-5 lawfull money

constable Silas robinsons minesters rate for the east end of the town is 29-3-9 lawfull money and his school rate is 6-11-2 lawfull money

and these lists with warrants for colecting the same where maid in june 1751 and deliverd into y<sup>e</sup> Constables hands

note these minesters rates above mentioned is his salery from

october 1750 to october 1751 with the old arereges allowd him

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these are to certify the people in there town meeting this day that if they will give me 53-6-8 lawfull money salery this year and so much the next year I will sign the town Book as I offord in the paper that was read at your last annual meeting But if the people chuse to pay all the arrearegse this year I now Declare that if the people will vote 41-13-4 lawfull money for my salery this year which is 312-10-0 old tenor and will vote me 23-6-8 lawfull money which is 175-0-0 old tenor for y<sup>e</sup> Deficiency of my salery in years past I will signe the town Book as I promisd to do in y<sup>e</sup> paper that was read at the annual meeting what I now ask and offer freely to take up with for arreareges y<sup>s</sup> thirty pound old tenor lese then Cap<sup>t</sup> Newell owns I ought to have by a list of the price of silver in his hands and according to his own way of reckening

Dudley April y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1751

Charls gleason

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Dudley November y<sup>e</sup> 21 1751

warrant

Worcester ss to either of the constables of the town of Dudley Joseph Vinton or Silas robinson greeting you are hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifd to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting honse in sd town on monday the second day of December next at one a clock after noone then and there to act upon the following articles

1) to grant the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason his fire wood for the year insuing and the number of cords and the price and set a time when it shall be brought to his house

2) to chuse a school committee for the year insuing and to grant more school money if it is needed

3) to call the meeting house committee to an account how they have expended the towns money

4) to se if the town will impower sune person or persons to procure that track of country land Between our town and Duglis for the towns use which committee vewed sune time past

and make due return of your proceedings as you will answer your defalt at the peril of the Law

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant      Town Clerke

By vertue of y<sup>e</sup> within written notefication I have notifiyd the inhabitants of the town of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned

Joseph Vinton      Constable

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at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday the second day of December 1751

meeting

1) voted m<sup>r</sup> John Vinton moderater for sd meeting

2) voted to the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason thirty cords of wood for his fire cut and brought to his house by the last of january next or else to pay the money

mr gleasons  
grant

3) voted sd fire wood at 0-5-4 a cord in lawfull money

4) voted m<sup>r</sup> John Burnul m<sup>r</sup> Elishua Sabin and m<sup>r</sup> Jacob Bradbery for a committee to provid schooling for the year insuing

5) voted to chuse a committee to procure a tracke of country land Between our town and Duglis for the use of the town

6) voted m<sup>r</sup> John Lillie m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Upham and m<sup>r</sup> paul robinson for a committee to address the great and general court in order to procure that tracke of country land Between our town and Duglis for the use and benifit of our town

October 1751            the province and county rates made the  
 province list sume total for y<sup>e</sup> 31-3-10 lawfull money the  
 province list for east end of y<sup>e</sup> town 26-0-6 lawfull money the  
 county list for y<sup>e</sup> west end sume total 1-4-6 lawfull money the  
 county list for y<sup>e</sup> east end sume total 0-19-8 lawfull money

these above sd lists all deliverd into constable Joseph Vintons  
 hands

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Dudley February y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1752

warrant

Worcester ss            to constable Joseph Vinton of the town of  
 Dudley greeting        you are hearby requird forthwith to warn  
 or notify the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifid  
 to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town  
 on monday y<sup>e</sup> second day of march next at nine a clock in the  
 morning            then and there to act upon the following articles

1) to chuse town officers for the year insuing as the law  
 Dirrects

2) to chuse a committee to reckon with the trausures  
 namely m<sup>r</sup> Benja<sup>n</sup> Newell m<sup>r</sup> Joseph putney and m<sup>r</sup> Joseph  
 upham and also to reckon with the meeting house committee  
 and to lay the accouns Before the town at our next town  
 meeting

3) to se if the town will axcept such highways as may then  
 be laid before the town

and make due return of your proceedings as you will answer  
 your default at the peril of the Law in that case made and  
 provided

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant        Town Clerk

I have warnd or notifid the inhabitants of Dudley to meet at  
 time and place within mentioned

Joseph Vinton        constable

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at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regu- town meeting  
lerly assembl'd at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup>  
2d day of march 1752

- 1) voted m<sup>r</sup> John Vinton moderater for sd meeting
- 2) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant town clerke
- 3) voted to have five select men
- 4) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant select man
- 5) voted m<sup>r</sup> John Vinton select man
- 6) voted m<sup>r</sup> John Lillie select man
- 7) voted m<sup>r</sup> John Brackit select man
- 8) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph upham select man
- 9) voted the select men to be assessers
- 10) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph upham town treasurer
- 11) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph putney constable for the west end
- 12) voted m<sup>r</sup> Daniel harris constable for the east end
- 13) voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Edmunds and nathan Dennis surveyers of  
highways
- 14) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Dennis and Sam<sup>l</sup> Robinson surveyers of  
highways
- 15) voted Eben<sup>r</sup> trusdil sealer of leather
- 16) voted John Curtis and Ezra Conant tything men
- 17) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Healy sealer of waits and measures
- 18) voted Daniel Smith and Eben<sup>r</sup> Davison fence vewers
- 19) voted Alexander tompson and Joseph Edmunds jun<sup>r</sup>  
hogreivs

20) voted that swine shall go at large

21) voted Deacon Newell Cornit Bacon and m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> may  
for a committee to reckon and settle accompts with our treas-  
urers namely m<sup>r</sup> Benja<sup>n</sup> Newell m<sup>r</sup> Joseph putney and m<sup>r</sup> Joseph  
upham and also with our meeting house committee and to lay  
the accounts before the town at our next town meeting

this meeting is adjurd to monday next at three a clock after  
noone if need be

1) voted and reconsiderd ye vote of m<sup>r</sup> harrises being con-  
stable and dismist him for the present year

2) voted phinehus mixer constable for the east end in y<sup>e</sup>  
roome of harris

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3) voted Ezra Conant surveyer of highways in the roome of Sam<sup>l</sup> robinson

y<sup>e</sup> several officers before mentioned have taken there oaths to there several offices as the law directs except Ezra Conant with some of the lesser officers Declind taking y<sup>e</sup> preveus oath

April y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>t</sup> 1752 we the subscribers being a committee appointed by the select men of Oxford and a committee appointed by the select men of Dudley mett and preambelated the line and renewed the bounds between the townships of Oxford and Dudley pursuant to the trust reposed in us in wittness whereof we have hearunto set our hands the day and year above mentioned

Sam<sup>l</sup> Davis } Committee  
John Willson } for Oxford

John Lillie } Committee  
John Vinton } for Dudley

warrant Dudley may the 6<sup>th</sup> 1752 Worcester ss to either of the constables of the town of Dudley Joseph putney or phinchus mixer greeting you are hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifd to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on wensday the twentieth day of may instent at one a clock after noone then and there to act upon the following articles

1) to chuse a person to represent our town at the great and general court for the year insuing to be convend and held for his majestys servis at the court house in Concord

2) to agree on sune method for the mending of our highway

3) to receive the committees report and to grant money to make up what is fell througe if it be needed

4) to se if the town will grant money to Defray the charge of schooling

5) to se if the town will agree to build the galler seats and if so then to chuse to procur stuff and se the work done and also grant money to defray the charge thereof

6) to grant money to carry our pittion at the general court and make due return of your proceedings as you will answer your defalt at the peril of the law

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant      Town Clerke

Dudley may the 20<sup>th</sup> 1752      I have notifyd the inhabetants of Dudley to meet at time and place within mention

John Cortis      Constable

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at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on wensday y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> day of may 1752

1) voted not to send a representative

2) voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Newell moderater for sd meeting      voted John Brackit clerke for sd meeting

3) voted 13-6-8 lawfull money for the mending of our highways besids whats not workt out last year and to expend sd money in the method we did last year

4) voted there axceptance of the committees account

5) voted 20-0-0 lawfull money to defray y<sup>e</sup> charge of schooling y<sup>e</sup> year insuing

6) voted to build the galler seats

7) voted 13-6-8 lawfull money to defray y<sup>e</sup> charg of building sd seats

8) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joshua healy Deacon Newell and m<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Bacon to be a committee to provid y<sup>e</sup> stuffe and git the above sd seats built

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9) voted 4-0-0 lawfull money to carry our pittion at the general court

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Dudley November ye 3<sup>d</sup> 1752

warnt Worcester ss to either of the constables of the town of  
Dudley Joseph putney or phinehus mixer greeting you are  
hearby requird forthwith to warn or notefy the several inhabi-  
tants of the town of Dudley qualifyd to vote in town affairs to  
meet at our meeting house in sd town on thirsd day y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> day of  
this instent at four a clock after noone after lectur then and  
there to act upon the following articles

1) to agree on sume method to provid the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason  
his fire wood y<sup>e</sup> year insuing and to set a price ther

2) to se if town will allow m<sup>r</sup> gore m<sup>r</sup> Hobbs rates in his  
list when he was constable which he says he cant procur

3) to se if the town will continue of school committee in  
there office till march next

and make due return of your proceedings as you will answer  
your defalt at the peril of the Law

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerk

Dudley November y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1752 I have warnd the inhabi-  
tants of this town qualifyd for voting to meet at time and place  
within mentioned

phinehas mixer Constable

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town meeting at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regu-  
larly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on thirsd day  
y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> of November 1752

1) voted Deacon Edmunds moderater for sd meeting

mr gleasons grant 2) voted 30 cords of fire wood for the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason for  
the year insuing

3) voted sd fire wood at 0-5-4 a cord in lawfull money

and to be deliverd at the sd m<sup>r</sup> gleasons house by the last of janauary next or to pay the money

4) voted to continue our school committee in there office till march next

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Dudley November y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1752

Worcester ss to either of the Constables of the town of Dudley Joseph putney or phinehas mixer greeting you are hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifyd to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on monday the 20<sup>th</sup> of this instent at 3 a clocke after noone then and there to act upon whate follows

warnt

for the town to consider the matter of m<sup>r</sup> morrises suing our meeting house committee and to grant money to pay the dept and charges if need be

and make due return of you proceedings as you will answer your Defalt at the peril of y<sup>e</sup> law

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerke

November y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1752 I have warn the inhabitants of this town qualifyd for voting to meet at time and place within mentioned

phinehas mixer Constable

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at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meetinge in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> day of Novemer 1752

meeting

1) voted John Vinton moderater for sd meeting

this meeting is adjourned to friday next at three a clocke after noone by the moderater

2) voted 8-5-4 lawfull money at this adjuornment to pay

the dept and charges of m<sup>r</sup> morrises suing our meeting house committee

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Dudley june 1752

the town rates made and deliverd into the Constables hands with warnts for colecting the same

Constable putneys list for the minester	24-19-6
his school list	12-12-7
his meeting house list	8- 4-9
and his town list	2- 9-0
Constable mixers list for the minester	18- 4-3
his school list	10- 8-8
his meeting house list	6- 0-2
and his town list	2- 2-0

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Dudley November 1752

the province rates made and deliverd into the Constables hands

Constable putneys province list	24-16-0
and his town rate list	6- 6-1
and his wood list	4- 8-8
Constable mixers province list	23- 8-7
his town list	5- 1-6
and his wood list	3-11-6

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Dudley february y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1753

Worcester ss to either of the constables of the town of Dudley Joseph putney or phinehus mixer greeting you are hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifyd to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> day of



march next insueing at nine a clock in the morning then  
and there to act upon y<sup>e</sup> folling articles

1) to chuse town officers for the year insuing as the law  
directs

2) to se if the town will accept of the roads laid out by y<sup>e</sup>  
select men

3) to se if the town will raise money to defray the charge  
of schooling for the year insuing and if so then to chuse a  
committee to provid schooling

4) to se what method the town will go in for the mending  
our highways the year insuing and also if need be to grant  
money to defray the charge thereof

5) to se if the town will allow m<sup>r</sup> John Lillie richard  
kidder Joseph upham Benja<sup>n</sup> Dennis and Eben<sup>r</sup> Scott for time  
to come to draw there own school money to keep a school  
amonge themselves

6) to se if the town will abait m<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Scotts rate to the  
west end school house

and make due return of your proceedings as you will answer  
your Defalt at the peril of the Law

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerke

Dudley march y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1753 persuent to this warrent I have  
warnd the inhabitants of this town to meet at time and place  
within mentioned

phinehus mixer Constable

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at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regu-  
lerly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup>  
y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> day of march 1753

1) voted Deacon Newell moderater for sd meeting

2) voted to have five select men

3) voted m<sup>r</sup> John Lillie select man

4) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Sabin select man

5) voted m<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Bacon select man

6) voted m<sup>r</sup> Jacob Bradbery select man

- 7) voted m<sup>r</sup> John Brackit select man
- 8) voted the select men to be assessers
- 9) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerke
- 10) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph upham Town treasurer
- 11) voted m<sup>r</sup> John tayler constable for the west end of the town

12) voted m<sup>r</sup> Benja<sup>n</sup> Dennis Constable for the east end of the town

13) voted m<sup>r</sup> Elijah Dodge and David Cuttin tything men

14) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Vinton and Jonathan Dennis surveyers of highways

15) voted m<sup>r</sup> paul robinson and Elishua Corbin surveyers of highways

16) voted m<sup>r</sup> John Curtis and Sam<sup>ll</sup> Corbin fence vewers

17) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Healy sealer of waits and measurs

18) voted m<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> trusdil sealer of leather

19) voted to have swine go at large

20) voted Andrew white and Edmun town hoge reaves

21) voted by the town there axceptance of a highway laid out from the county road by Andrew whits and Sam<sup>ll</sup> Corbins down to the road that coms from Sam<sup>ll</sup> robinsons to our meeting house

22) voted by the town there axceptance of a highway laid out through the indian land from there south line in or near where the path is now trod from m<sup>r</sup> hebberds to our meeting house

23) voted 20-0-0 lawfull money to defray y<sup>e</sup> charge of schooling this year

24) voted Sam<sup>ll</sup> Chamberline Sam<sup>ll</sup> Corbin and paul robinson for a committee to provid schooling the year insuinge

25) voted 40-0-0 lawfull money for the mending our highways and to be expended as follows at 0-2-6 a day in the spring and summer months and 0-1-6 a day in the fall

the several officers above named have taken there oaths to there several offices as the law directs axcept sume of the lesser officers declind taking the preveus oath

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Dudley june y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1752 a highway laid out by the select men begining at the county Road at a gray oake stadle with a heap of stons about it on the south sid of the county road then runing near southeest to a white oake stadle with a heap of stons about it and so along near as the road is now trod down through Carturs land and through whits land near the west end of his house then near south then near south along by the west end of his barn and through whits and Corbins land by the west end of Sam<sup>l</sup> Corbins house and from his house through his land by the east sid his barn to Benja<sup>n</sup> Davises land and through Davises land near south as y<sup>e</sup> road is now trod to a white oake tree markt and from thenc to a stake and heap of stons standing on the north sid of the road which comes from m<sup>r</sup> robinsons mills to our meeting house and the whole of the road to be two rods wide

John Lillie  
John Brackit } Select men  
Joseph upham }

Dudley june y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1752 a highway laid out by the select men Begining at the indian south line at the road that coms from thimothy fosters at a chasnut stadle with a heap of stons about it and so runing as the road is now trod to a walnut tree with a heap of stons about it and from thence as the road now is to a black oak tree with stons about it near the road that coms from Benja<sup>n</sup> Coburns all the above mentioned marks are on the north sid the sd road the sd road to be the same wedth with the other formerly laid out

John Lillie  
John Brackit } Select men  
Joseph upham }

these roads where laid before the town at our aneual meeting in march 1753 and axcepted by the town

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Dudley Sep<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1753

Worcester ss to the constable or constables of the town of warrent

Dudley Benja<sup>n</sup> Dennis or John tayler greeting you hearby requird to warn or notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifyd to vote in town affares to meet at our meeting house in sd Dudley on monday the 8<sup>th</sup> of october next at two a clocke after noone then and there to act upon the following articles

1) to se what method the town will go in to provide the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleasons fire wood the year insuing

2) to se if the town will omitt sending a pettion to the court for a school lot and convert the money that was raisd to Defray the charge therof to sume other use

3) to se if town will chuse sume person to sweep and take care of our meeting house and also to grant money to defray the charge thereof

4) to se if the town will grant sume money for the support of the widow rich

and make due return of the warrent with your doings therin as you will answer your Defalt at the peril of ye law

By order of

John Lillie	}	Select men
Jacob Bradbery		
John Brackit		

meeting at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly asembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> of october 1753

1) voted m<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Bacon moderater for sd meeting

mr gleasons  
grant

2) voted to the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason thirty cords of wood for his fire the year insuing cut and carted to his house by the first of february next at five shillings and four pence a cord in lawfull money

3) voted to omitte sending in our pettion for the school land and to improve y<sup>e</sup> four pounds of money granted fore that end to sume other use

- 4) voted m<sup>r</sup> will<sup>m</sup> Cartur to take care of our meeting house and to sweep it when it needs
- 5) voted 0-10-8 lawfull money to Cartur for sweeping and taking care of our meeting house y<sup>e</sup> year insuing
- 6) voted 6-0-0 lawfull money for the support of the widow rich

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Dudley march y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>t</sup> 1753

rates made by the assessers the sum total of the minesters	
rate for the east end	19-18-3
the minester rate for the west end	24- 4-2
the school rate for the west end	11-11-4
the school rate for the east end	10-14-7

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october 26 1753	Constable Dennises province list for the
east end of the town sume total	9-18-0
his town list	3-17-6
and one of his county lists	4- 4-9
the other of his county lists	1- 5-8-3

october 26 1753	Constable John Taylers province list for
the west end of the town	11- 4- 7
and his town list	4- 3-11
and one of his county lists	4-12- 1
the other of his county lists	1- 7- 7

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Dudley February y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1754

Worcester ss            to the constable or constables of the town  
of Dud<sup>l</sup>ey Benja<sup>n</sup> Dennis or John Tayler greeting    you are  
hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify y<sup>e</sup> freeholders and  
other inhabitants of the Town of Dudley qualifd to vote in  
Town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd Dudley on

warrant

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monday y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> day of march next insuing at nine a clock in y<sup>e</sup> foor noon then and there to act upon y<sup>e</sup> following articles

1) to chuse town officers for the year insuing as y<sup>e</sup> law directs

2) to chuse a school committee for the year insuing

3) to se whate method y<sup>e</sup> town will go in for y<sup>e</sup> mending of our highways the year insuing

4) to se if the town will axcept of the highways which may then be laid before them for there axceptance

and make due return of this warrant with your doings therein as you will answer your default at y<sup>e</sup> peril of y<sup>e</sup> law

By order of

Jacob Bradbery	} Select men
Joseph Sabin	
Eben <sup>r</sup> Bacon	

By vertue of the within written warrant I have warnd or notifyd the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned

Benja<sup>n</sup> Dennis Constable

our aneuel  
meeting

at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> day of march 1754

- 1) voted Deacon Newell moderater for sd meetinge
- 2) voted to have five select men
- 3) voted Joseph Upham select man
- 4) voted phinehus mixer select man
- 5) voted John Curtis select man
- 6) voted Sam<sup>l</sup> Corbin select man
- 7) voted jedediah marcy select man
- 8) voted the select men to be assessers
- 9) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerke
- 10) voted Joseph Upham Town treasurer
- 11) voted Eben<sup>r</sup> grigs constable for y<sup>e</sup> west end of y<sup>e</sup> town
- 12) voted Andrew white constable for y<sup>e</sup> east end of the town



- 13) voted Joseph Vinton and Timothy [     ] tything men
  - 14) voted Joshua Healy sealer of weights and measurs
  - 15) voted Eben<sup>r</sup> trusdil sealer of leather
  - 16) voted philip Corbin Jacob bradbery Sam<sup>ll</sup> may and Joseph Burnul surveyers of highways
  - 17) voted that swine shall go at large
  - 18) voted Eben<sup>r</sup> robinson and Sam<sup>ll</sup> Burnul hog reavese
  - 19) voted paul robinson and Jacob Chamberlin fence vewers
  - 20) voted paul robinson Joseph jewell jun<sup>r</sup> and Eben<sup>r</sup> Davison for a committee to provid schooling y<sup>e</sup> year insuing
  - 21) voted 40-0-0 lawfull money to worke out on our highways
  - 22) voted worke at our highways at 0-2-6 a day for y<sup>e</sup> spring & summer months and after that at 0-1-6 a day lawfull money
  - 23) voted by the town there axceptance of a highway laid out by the select men of sd town begining at oxford line in the old road from kingsberys to Nathan jefferds through Sam<sup>ll</sup> robinsons land two rod wide
  - 24) voted by the town there axceptance of a highway laid out by the select men of sd town begining at the south end of Sam<sup>ll</sup> mayses lain runing near south through Lef<sup>t</sup> Joshua Healys land and through Cap<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup> Newells land and down to Deacon Newells two rod wide
- the officers before mentioned have taken there oaths to there several officeses
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Dudley march y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1753

a highway laid out by the select men of Dudley through m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup> Robinsons land begining at a white oake tree near the southwest corner of m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Kingsburys land ware oxford left there road then runing as the way is now trod to a white oake tree markt and so on to a blacke oak tree markt near the uper end of a swamp which is on the east of sd road and then on to a pine stadle markt which is near the line Between sd

robinsons land and the land of m<sup>r</sup> jefferds by the side of the road allready laid out sd road to be two rods wide and all on the east of sd marks

Jacob Bradbery	}	Select men
John Brackit		
John Lillie		

Dudley February y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1754

a highway laid out by the select men of sd town Begining at a stake and heap of stons standing in the southeast corner of a lot of land that was John Dickermans runing near south through Joshua Healys land to Cap<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Newells land to a stake and heap of stons and straight through sd Newells land to a little wallnut in sd Newells fence the sd road to be two rode wide and all the marks on the west side of sd road

John Lillie	}	Select men
Joseph Sabin		
Eben <sup>r</sup> Bacon		
Jacob Bradbury		
John Brackit		

These highways above mentioned were brought to our aneuel meeting in march 1754 and axcepted by the town





TOWN RECORDS

OF

DUDLEY, MASSACHUSETTS,

1754-1794.

PAWTUCKET, R. I.  
THE ADAM SUTCLIFFE CO.  
1894.

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## Dudley Town Records.

Dudley may y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1754

Worcester ss to either of the constables of the town of Dudley Andrew White or Eben<sup>r</sup> grigs greeting you are hearby required forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifyd to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on Tuesday y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> of may instent at two aclock in the after noone Then and there to act upon the following articles

1) to chuse a representative to serve at the general court the year insuing

2) to se whaté money the town will grant for the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleasons sallery from october 1754 to march 1755

3) to see if the town will accept the committees accompt for finishing the meeting house gallerys

4) to see what the town will do concerning the road thats laid out through Cap<sup>t</sup> Newells uper lot

5) to se if the town will grant money for schooling the year insuing

6) to se if the town will grant to the widow Newell two pounds old tenor for work done at our meetinge house

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7) to see if the town will chuse a committee to seat our meeting house

8) to see if the town will accept of treasurer upham accompt and if not to chuse a committee to settle with him

9) to see if the town will agree to have three school houses one near m<sup>r</sup> [ ] one near Ezra Conants and near philip corbins

10) to see if the town will allow to m<sup>r</sup> gore m<sup>r</sup> Hobbes rats when sd gore was constable and make due return of your proceedings as you will answer your default at the peril of the law

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerke

By vertue of this notification I have notifyd the inhabitants of Dudley to meet at the time and place within mentioned  
andrew White Constable

meeting

at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house [ ] on tuesday y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> day of may 1754

mr gleasons  
grant

1) voted not to send a representative [ ]  
2) voted Deacon Newell moderater [ ]  
3) voted to rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason fo[ ] last of October 175[ ] to the [ ] 410-15-4 of old tenor [ ] of march [ ]

4) voted [ ] the [ ]

5) voted [ ]

6) voted to chuse a committee to settle with treasurer upham and to bring in there accompt at our next meeting

7) voted insign Chamberline m<sup>r</sup> Samuel may and Ezra Conant a committee to settle with treasurer upham the ninth article dropt by a vote

Sutten July ye<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1754

These may certify the assessers or whomsoever it may concern that the Baptist Church in Sutten have taken the steps of the last adishenal act of the general court made for the acceptping of the people commonly called anobaptis and are capeble of giving certificets to all our members in naighbouring towns to clear them from paying any thinge to support ministers of another denomination and therefore do certify you that paul Robinson of Dudley belongs to our Church in Sutten and as usely atends our meetings on the Lords day for the worship of God as we cane expect considering the distance he lives from us and further we beleive him to be consenouse of the religion commonly called the anobaptis religion and therefore insist upon it that he is clear from all ministeral charges of minesters of another denomination by the act made by y<sup>e</sup> great and & general court of the masetusits Bay in New England for exempting commonly called anobaptis

Benja<sup>n</sup> marsh Elder  
Joseph pullen  
Jonathan goold

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Dudley Sep<sup>t</sup> ye<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1754

Worcester ss to either of the constables of the town of Dudley Andrew white or Eben<sup>r</sup> grigs greeting you are hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants of Dudley qualifyd to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on wedensday y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> of this instent at two a clock after noone then and there to act upon the following articles

warnt

1) to se whate money the town will grant to make up the deficiency of the town stock of amunition

2) to se whate money the town will grant to provid y<sup>e</sup> rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleasons fire wood the year insuinge

*Dudley Town Records, 1754.*

] the town to hear and except the committees  
 report [ ] the [ ] asurer and to grant such sume or  
 sums of [ ] be found wanting  
 ] will grant money to finish the backe  
 [ ] chuse a committee to gite y<sup>e</sup> work done  
 ] the senter school  
 ] one or more

and make due return of your proceedings as you will answer  
your default at the peril of the law

by order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant      Town Clerk

By vertue of this warrant I have notifyd the inhabitants of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned

Andrew White      Constable

meeting at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on wedensday y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> day of Sep<sup>t</sup> 1754 .

- 1) voted m<sup>r</sup> John Brackit moderater for sd meeting  
2) voted 1-4-0 lawfull money to provid amonition to  
supply the town stocke

3) voted 8-0-0 lawfull money to provid y<sup>e</sup> rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleasons  
fire wood y<sup>e</sup> year insuinge

- 4) voted 2-0-0 lawfull money to defray the charge of sealing up the back sid of our pulpit

- 5) voted Left Curtis insign Chamberline and Mr phiehus mixer for a committee to git the above

- 6) voted not to fit up the senter school house were it now stands

- 7) voted not to dispose of our school house

this meeting is adjurnd to this day fortnight the ninth of october next to four after noone

at our meeting on the adjournment voted and referd the committees accmpt from the treasurer to our next aneual meeting and the committee to stand as they were

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Constable Andrew whites list for the province	15- 9- 6-3
and his list for the minesters rates	25-14- 8-3
and his list for the wood rate	3-13- 2
and his list for the town rate	10-14-10
and his list for the county rate	1-18- 6-3

Constable Eben <sup>r</sup> griggs list for the province rate	18-14- 9-3
and his list for the minesters rate	31- 2- 3-3
and his wood list for that rate	4- 8- 8
and his list for the town rate	13- 2-10
and his list for the county rate	2- 7- 0

This may certify the assessers of the Town of Dudley [ ]  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Cheney of sd Dudley doth fre[ ] atnd  
 the publick worship of God on the Lo[ ] society at  
 Sturbridge and we beleive him [ ] that perswasion  
 Henry [ ]

Sturbridg may y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> [      ]

Killingly october y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1754      these lines are to notify the  
Honourable select men of Dudley that Silas Robinson frequently  
attends our meeting and we beleive he conseinsly absented  
from you      as witness our hands      Atest

Jams Gleason

## Jams Coats

Killingly october y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1754                      these lines are to notify  
the Honourable select men of Dudley that will<sup>m</sup> wakfeild  
frequently attends our meeting and we beleive that he con-  
seienusly absented from you                      as witness our hands                      Atest

Jams gleason

Jams Coats

Killingly october y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1754                      these lines are to notify  
the Honourable select men of Dudley that Sam<sup>ll</sup> Robinson

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frequently attends our meeting and we beleive that he con-  
seinusly absented from you as witness our hands

Jams gleason  
Jams Coats

Dudley December y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1754

warrant

Worcester ss to either of the Constables of the town of  
Dudley Eben<sup>r</sup> grigs or Andrew white greeting you are  
hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabi-  
tants of the town of Dudley qualifd to vote in town affairs to  
meet at our meeting house in sd town on tusday the seventh  
day of janury next at one a clock after noone then and  
there to act upon the following articles

1) to se if the town will send a man to worcester Court to  
git of our fine for not having a school

2) to se if town will agree that ye constables shall strain  
upon the seperats in our town for the minesters rate and if  
they do to se whate method the town will take to defend them

3) to se if the town will hear and exept the committees  
accmpt for finishing the back sid of the pulpit

4) to se if town will pay Doctor green six shillings and one  
peny lawfull money for Doctering the widow rich

and make due return of your proceedings as you will answer  
your defalt at the peril of the law

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerke

By vertue of this warrant I have notifyd the inhabitants of  
Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned

Andrew white Constable

at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regu-



lerly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on tusday y<sup>e</sup>  
7<sup>th</sup> day of January 1755

] on Newell moderater for sd meeting  
]nd a man to worcester Court to git of our  
] a school if any should be laid upon us  
] answer the complaint at worcester  
] any should appear against us  
] strain on the person colld  
]sters rats  
] and a peny for

we the subscribers as a committee chosen to git the back  
side of the pulpit finished we have agreed with m<sup>r</sup> John tayler  
to do the work and to find nails and brads and board himself  
for two pounds lawfull money

phinehus mixer }  
John Curtis } Committee

Worcester ss to Andrew white one of the constables of  
the town of Dudley greeting you are hearby requird forth-  
with to warn or notify the several inhabitants of the town of  
Dudley qualifyd to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting  
house in sd town on monday the 3d day of march next at nine  
a clock in the morning then and there to act upon the  
folling articles

warrant

- 1) to chuse a moderater for sd meeting
- 2) to chuse town officers for the year insuing
- 3) to se if the town will reconsider there vote they past on  
the seventh day of january last past (viz) that the constables  
should not make distress upon the seperats
- 4) to se if the town will such grant or grants of money as  
may be thought needfull for schooling of our children and  
other nessesery chargs the currant year
- 5) to chuse a committee to provide schooling y<sup>e</sup> present  
year

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6) to se if the town will mend there highways by a rate or other ways if by a rate to grant money for the same

7) to se if the town will allow swine to rune at large

8) to se if the town will allow m<sup>r</sup> Bacons accompt for keeping y<sup>e</sup> widow rich

9) to se if the town will build a school house in the senter of the middle part of the town

10) to se if the town will hear and axcept the committees report from treasurer upham

11) to se if the town axcept of a highway laid out for Elishua Corbin he being at all the cost and charge

and make due return of your proceedings as you will answer your defalt at the peril of the law

Joseph upham	} Selectmen
phinehus mixer	
John Curtis	

february y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1755

By vertue of the warrant I have warnd the inhabitants of the town of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned

Andrew white      Constable

meeting      at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley [      ]  
at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> [      ]

- 1) voted Esq<sup>r</sup> Vinton moderater for sd meeting
- 2) voted to have 5 select men five
- 3) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant select man
- 4) voted Deacon Newell select man
- 5) voted Lef<sup>t</sup> Healy select [      ]
- 6) voted phinehus mixer s[      ]
- 7) voted John Brackit se[      ]
- 8) voted the select men to be assessers
- 9) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant town clerke
- 10) voted m<sup>r</sup> Jacob Chamberline town treasurer
- 11) voted m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> may Constable for y<sup>e</sup> west end
- 12) voted m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Harris Constable for y<sup>e</sup> east end

13) voted m<sup>r</sup> Benja<sup>n</sup> Dennis and m<sup>r</sup> Joseph burnul tything men

14) voted m<sup>r</sup> Elishua Sabin and m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Chamberline surveyers of highways

15) voted m<sup>r</sup> paul robinson and m<sup>r</sup> David Coffin surveyers of highways

16) voted m<sup>r</sup> philip amidown and Silas robinson fence vewers

17) voted Lef<sup>t</sup> Healy sealer of waits and measuers

18) voted m<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> trusdile sealer of leather

19) voted that swine shall go at large

20) voted Clement Corbin jun<sup>r</sup> and John webster Hogreaves

21) voted and reconsidered the vote that was past y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> january last (viz) that the constables should not straine on the persons called seperats in the warrant for that meeting for there minesters rates

I paul robinson now enter my desent against this last vote concerning the seperats

22) voted 30-0-0 lawfull money 20-0-0 for schooling and ten for other nessesery charges

23) voted Elijah Dodge Lef<sup>t</sup> Bradbery and Eben<sup>r</sup> Davison for a committee to provide schooling the presente year

24) voted 20-0-0 lawfull money for the mending our highways and worke frome may to the last of August at 0-2-6 a day and after that worke at 0-1-6 a day

25) voted there axceptence of the committees report from treasurer Upham

26) a vote being requested weather the town would axcept of Elishua Corbins highway and it past in the negative

the officers above have taken there oaths as the law directs

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Dudley march y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1755

we the subscribers Jacob Chamberlien Sam<sup>l</sup> may and Ezra Conant chosen a committee to examine the treasurers accompt we have made strict examination and report [ ] and

we find that treasurer upham has been faithfull [ ]ing  
 in his accounts to us and we find that the whole [ ]at  
 he hade ordere to colect of the several constables [ ]  
 chosen treasurer till this day and the [ ]ceived of the  
 former Constables namly [ ] sume  
 total of all we find to be [ ] find that  
 has paid by order the [ ] remains in  
 constable [ ] 44-04-4-3  
 [ ] y<sup>e</sup>  
 sume of 36-09-6-3 and in Constable Joseph Vintons hands  
 y<sup>e</sup> sume of 1-2-7-1 and in Constable Benja<sup>n</sup> Dennises hands  
 y<sup>e</sup> sume of 0-18-6- and we have substracted the whole and he  
 has paid out 3-10-8-3 more than he has received of the several  
 constables Atested

Jacob Chamberlin }  
 Sam<sup>ll</sup> may } Committee  
 and Esra Conant }

Dudley may y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1755

warrant

Worcester ss to either of the constables of the town of  
 Dudley Daniel Harris or Sam<sup>ll</sup> may greeting you are hear-  
 by required forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants  
 of the town of Dudley to meet at our meeting house in sd town  
 on friday the 23<sup>d</sup> of may instent at three a clocke after noone  
 then and there to act upon the following articles

- 1) to chuse a meet person to serve representative at the  
 great and general court the year insuing
- 2) to make y<sup>e</sup> rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason sume addition to his salery  
 the present year considering the charge of his famely
- 3) to grant money for the widow richs soninlaw at Stur-  
 bridg in case he will clear the town of her
- 4) to move the middle schoool house or repair it where it  
 stands
- 5) to chuse a committee to manage that affair

6) to se if the town will allow m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>n</sup> Halls rates in constable mixers lists

7) to se if the town will grant sume money to be assest on the east school ward for building them a school house

and make due return of your proseedng as you will answer your defalt at the peril of the law

By order of y<sup>e</sup> select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant      Town Clerke

Dudley may y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1755      by vertue of this warrant I have warnd the inhabitants of the town of Dudley to meet according to time and place within mentioned

Daniel Harris      Constable

at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on friday y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> of may 1755      and a vote being requested wether the town would send a Daputy to the general court and it past in y<sup>e</sup> negitive

meeting

1) voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Newell moderater for sd meeting

2) a vote being requested wether they would make any addition to y<sup>e</sup> rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleasons salery the present year and it past in<sup>e</sup> the negitive

3) voted 13-6-8 lawfull money for the support of the widow rich her life time to her soninlaw at Sturbridg in case he will clear the town of Dudley from any further charge about her

4) voted 90-0-0 old tenor to be assest on the east school ward for build them a school house

Sep<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1755

Worcester ss      to either of the constables of the town of Dudley Daniel Harris or Sam<sup>n</sup> may greeting      you are hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifyd to vote in town affairs to meet at

warrent

our meeting house in sd town on tusday y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> day of Sep<sup>r</sup>  
 instent at two a clock after noone then and there to act  
 upon the following articles

1) to se whate salery y<sup>e</sup> town will give y<sup>e</sup> rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason  
 for y<sup>e</sup> present year

2) to agree on sune method to provide y<sup>e</sup> rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason  
 his fire wood

3) to se if the town will allow that hundred pound that  
 was voted for the support of the widow rich or any part of it  
 to defray nessesery chargs or grant other money for such uses

4) to se if town will reconsider the vote that was past not  
 to move nor mend our school house where it stands and to  
 move it down towards or to repair it where it now stands

5) make choice of sune person to dige graves

6) to chuse a person to take care of our meeting house and  
 sweep it when it needed

and make due return of your proceedings as you will answer  
 your default at the peril of the law

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant town clerk

Dudley Sep<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> By vertue of this warrant I have  
 warnd the inhabitants of the town to meet at time and place  
 within mention

Daniel Harris Constable

meeting

at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regu-  
 larly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on tusday y<sup>e</sup>  
 16<sup>th</sup> of Sep<sup>t</sup> 1755

1) voted Deacon Edmunds moderater for sd meeting

2) voted the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason the same salery he had the last  
 year

mr gleasons  
 grant

3) voted the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason 30 cords of cord wood brought  
 to his house by the third monday and tusday of october next at  
 forty shillings a cord old tenor or to pay the money

4) voted six pound lawfull money out of that hundred



pound that was granted for the support of the widow rich to defray other nessesery charges

5) voted and reconsiderd that was past not to move nor mend our school house where it now stands

6) voted to repair our school house by the meeting house where it now stands

7) voted m<sup>r</sup> will<sup>m</sup> Cartur to dige graves

8) voted m<sup>r</sup> will<sup>m</sup> Cartur to take care of meeting house and sweep it

Sept<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1755      this may cartify the assessers of the town of Dudley that Cap<sup>n</sup> Thomas Cheney of sd Dudley doth frequently attend the publick worship of God on the Lords days at the Baptis society in Sturbridge and is a member in full comunion with the Baptis church in Sturbridge and we beleave him to be consienusly of that perswasion and we further certify that the Baptis Church in Sturbrig hath received the aprobation of three other Baptis Churches according to the late act of this province      Jonathan perry Henry fisk Dan<sup>l</sup> fiske chosen for this purpos

Cap<sup>t</sup> Chenys  
certificit

November 1755 rates made and deliverd into the constables hands with warrants for collecting the same

and Constable mays list to the province rate 51-18-10- 2

and mays list for the minesters rate 28- 5-10

and mays list for the school rate 21- 1- 1

and mays list for the wood rate 4-10- 8

and Constable Harrises list for the province rate 51- 7- 9

and Harrises list for the minesters rate 19-14- 4

and Harrises list for the school rate 16- 9- 5

and Harrises list for the wood rate 3-12- 4- 1

Dudley january y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1756

Worcester ss      to either of the Constables of the town of Dudley Daniel Harris or Sam<sup>l</sup> may greeting      you are hearby

warrant

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requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifd to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on monday ye 2<sup>d</sup> day of february next at one a clocke after noone then and there to act upon the following articles

1) to se if the town will Disannul the last vote concerning the Baptis paying there minesters rate

2) to see if the town will hear and allow the select mens accompt for repairing our meeting hous and grant money to pay y<sup>e</sup> same and also for repairing our middle school house and vote money to be assest on the middle school ward to pay the same

3) to se if town will allow m<sup>r</sup> Fairbanks to belong to y<sup>e</sup> middle school

4) to se if the will grant money to pay Cap<sup>t</sup> Newell for the road laid out through his upper pasture

and make due return of your doings as you will answer your default at the peril of the law

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerke

By vertue of this warant I have notifyd the inhabitants of the town of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned

Daniel Harris Constable

meeting

at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 2d day of February 1756

1) vote Deacon Newell moderater for sd meeting

2) voted and disannuld the last vote concerning y<sup>e</sup> Baptis paying there minesters rates

3) voted 0-16-9 lawfull money for repairing our meeting house glase

4) voted 3-7-0 lawfull money to be assest on the middle school ward for repairing our middle school house

5) a vote being requested wether m<sup>r</sup> Fairbanks should belong to the middle school and it past in y<sup>e</sup> negative

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February y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1756

gentlemen there is a sune of money due from the town of Dudley to me which sune you ought honesly to have payed long ago you well know that I never had one peney from you however Knowing the curcomstances of some and the Disposition of some others I hearby freely aquit and Discharge the account to this day but if you think it to mean to receive a gift in that case I Desire you to pay the sune due to me to m<sup>r</sup> gleason madam gleason has been a long time in a poor state of helth and I hope you have a suteble sence of it I am gentlemen your most Humble and most obedient Servant  
Thomas Cheney to the town of Dudley

Captt Cheney's  
Discharge

Dudley February y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1756

Worcester ss to either of the Constables of the town of Dudley Daniel Harris or Sam<sup>l</sup> may greeting you are hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifyd to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup> first day of march next at nine a clocke in the morning then and there to act upon the following articles

warrant

- 1) to chuse a moderater for sd meeting
- 2) to chuse town officers for y<sup>e</sup> year insuing as y<sup>e</sup> law directs
- 3) to grant such sune or sums of money as the town shall think needfull for schooling y<sup>e</sup> year insuing and to chuse a committee to provide schooling
- 4) to grant such sune or sums of money as the town shall think needfull for mending our highways the year insuing and to agree on how much a day and when to worke

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- 5) to see if the town will allow swine to rune at large or not
- 6) to se if the town will chuse a committee to seat our meeting house and prescribe a method for them to walke by
- 7) to se if the town will accept of Cap<sup>t</sup> Cheenys gift to the town and whate part they will give to y<sup>e</sup> rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason  
and make due return of your proceedings as you will answer your defalt at the peril of the law

Jonathan Newell	} Selectmen
Joshua Healy	
phinehus mixer	

Dudley march y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>t</sup> 1756      in obedience to this warrant I have notifyd the inhabitants of this town to meet at time and place within mentioned

Sam<sup>l</sup> may      Constable

at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>t</sup> day of march 1756

- 1) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph upham moderater for sd meeting
- 2) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerke
- 3) voted to have five select men
- 4) voted Joseph upham select man
- 5) voted phinehus mixer select man
- 6) voted Jacob Chamberline select man
- 7) voted Sam<sup>l</sup> Corbin select man
- 8) voted Elijah gore select man
- 9) voted the select men to be assessers
- 10) voted Joseph upham town treasurer
- 11) voted Eben<sup>r</sup> Davison constable for the east end
- 12) voted jedediah marcy constable for the west end
- 13) voted Archible jewell and Andrew white tything men
- 14) voted Eben<sup>r</sup> Bacon Abijah Newell Joshua wetheril and will<sup>m</sup> Cartur surveyers of highways
- 15) voted Elijah Dodge and Elishua Corbin fence vewers
- 16) voted Joshua Healy sealer of weights and measurs

- 17) voted Joseph pollie sealer of leather
- 18) voted that swine shall go at large
- 19) voted Joseph putney and John tompson for hoge revease
- 20) voted John Curtis John Brackit and Joshua Healy jun<sup>r</sup>  
for a committee to provid schooling y<sup>e</sup> year insuing
- 21) voted 20-0-0 lawfull money for school schooling y<sup>e</sup>  
yeare insuing
- 22) voted 30-0-0 lawfull money for mending our highways  
ye insuing year and to go on in the method as in time past
- 23) voted to chuse a committee to seat our meeting house
- 24) voted to have five men for sd committee
- 25) voted John Curtis philip Corbin Elijah Dodge Sam<sup>ll</sup>  
may and Elishua Corbin for a committee to seat our meeting  
house and the method to go by is age and estates
- 26) voted there acceptance of Cap<sup>t</sup> Cheenys gift to the town
- 27) voted to the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason the overplus above Cap<sup>t</sup>  
Cheenys minesters rates

the several officers above mentioned have taken there oaths  
as the law directs

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Dudley may y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1756

Worcester ss      to jedediah marcy constable of the town of  
Dudley greeting      you are hearby requird forthwith to warn  
or notify the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifyd  
to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town  
on monday y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> of may instant at one a clocke after noone  
then and there to act upon the following articles

- 1) to make choice of person to represent our town at the  
great and general court to be held at the town house in Boston  
the year insuing
- 2) to chuse a moderater for sd meeting
- 3) to se whate sum or sums of money the town will grant  
to defray town charges for the present year
- 4) to se if the town will dismise m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup> fairbanks Benja<sup>n</sup>  
Davis Timothy foster Benja<sup>n</sup> fairbanks and Levi fairbanks from  
paying there money to the east end of the town for Building

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of there school house and supporting there school and to add y<sup>e</sup> above named persons to the middle school ward

5) to se if the town will grant to m<sup>r</sup> phinehus mixer and Benja<sup>n</sup> Dennis sune consideration for what they have been out in recovering Sam<sup>l</sup> Halls rates

6) to see how much money the town will grant for y<sup>e</sup> rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleasons salery for the present year and to grant money to make good his salery for time paste

7) to se if the town will vote to m<sup>r</sup> John Ruewe and his son the pue that was Cap<sup>u</sup> Corbins there paying hime the cost of building sd pue

also to se if the town will grant m<sup>r</sup> Jacob Chamberlin the sd pue his paying the cost of building

8) and if the town dont se cause to grant either of these persons the pue above mentioned to chues a committee to sell the pue to the hiest bidder of the town inhabitants and to be sold at a publicke vandue and y<sup>e</sup> money to be disposd of as the town shall think fitt

9) to se if the town will grant Cap<sup>u</sup> Newell thirty five pounds old tenor for the road through his uper lot

and make due return of your proceedings as you will answer your defalt at the peril of the law

phinehus mixer	}	Selectmen
Sam <sup>l</sup> Corbin		
Elijah gore		

according to the within written warrant I have warnd the inhabitants of this town to meet at time and place within mentioned may y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1756

jedediah marcy constable

meeting at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday the 17<sup>th</sup> day of may 1756

1) voted to send a representative

2) voted Cap<sup>u</sup> Cheeny representative the year insuing



- 3) voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Cheeny moderater for sd meeting
- 4) voted 8-0-0 lawfull money to defray town charges for y<sup>e</sup> present year
- 5) a vote being requested wether m<sup>r</sup> fairbanks and others should be removed from y<sup>e</sup> east to y<sup>e</sup> middle school and it past in the negative
- 6) a vote being requested wether the town would allow m<sup>r</sup> mixer and m<sup>r</sup> Benja<sup>n</sup> Dennis any thing towards the charge of gitting Sam<sup>l</sup> Halls rates and it past in the negative
- 7) voted to the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason the salery we covnanted with him for and to make good the salery for two years and four months last past according to our contrakt with him
- 8) votes being requested wether the town would grant to m<sup>r</sup> John Ruewe and his son or to m<sup>r</sup> Jacob Chamberlin that pue that was Cap<sup>t</sup> Corbins during there abode in the town there paying the cost in building and it past in y<sup>e</sup> negative
- 9) voted not to act any thing on the 8<sup>th</sup> article
- 10) a vote being requested wether the town would grant Cap<sup>t</sup> Newell 35-0-0 old tenor for the road through his upper lot and it past in the negative

mr gleasons  
grant

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November 1756 rates made and deliverd into the constables hands with warrants for collecting the same

Constable jedediah marcys list for the province	58-16- 4- 2
his list for the minester	30-10- 1- 1
his wood list	4-18-10 -0
his school list	11-14- 6- 3
his town list	5- 2- 9- 3
his county list	2-10-10- 3
Constable Eben <sup>r</sup> Davisons list for y <sup>e</sup> province	44-15- 9- 0
his list for the minester	20-19- 0- 1
his wood list	3- 9- 8- 0
his school list	9- 0- 3- 1
his town list	3-18-11- 1
his county list	1-19- 5- 2

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warrant

Worcester ss            to Eben<sup>r</sup> Davison one of the constables of the town of Dudley greeting            you are hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifd to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on monday the seventh day of march next at nine a clocke in the morning            then and there to act upon the following articles

- 1) to chuse a moderater for sd meeting
  - 2) to chuse town officers for the year insuing
  - 3) to se if the town will except of the lists of mens names laid before them to serve as pety jurors at Worcester Courts
  - 4) to se what sume or sums of money the town will grant to defray the charge of schooling y<sup>e</sup> present year
  - 5) to se what sume of money the town will grant for mending the highways the year insuing and agree on whate method
  - 6) to se if the town will vote that there swine shall rune at large
  - 7) to se if the town will axcept of such highways as are lately laid out by the select men of sd town
  - 8) to se if the town will hear and grant such pettion or pittions as shall be laid before them at sd meeting
- and make due return of your proceedings as you will answer your defalt at the peril of the law

Dudley February y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1756

Joseph upham	}	Select men
Jacob Chamberline		
Sam <sup>ll</sup> Corbin		

by vertue of this warrant I have notify the inhabitants of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned

Eben<sup>r</sup> Davison            Constable

meeting

at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> of march 1757

- 1) voted Jonathan Newell moderater for sd meeting
- 2) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerk
- 3) voted to have five select men
- 4) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant select man
- 5) voted Joshua Healy select man
- 6) voted Jonathan Newell select man
- 7) voted Eben<sup>r</sup> Bacon select man
- 8) voted Eben<sup>r</sup> Davison select man
- 9) voted the select men to be assessers
- 10) voted jedediah marcy town treasurer
- 11) voted Ezra Conant Constable for the east end of the town
- 12) voted Joshua vinton Constable for the west end of the town
- 13) voted Jonathan Hebbberd and Joseph burnul tything men
- 14) voted Joseph upham and Jams fuller surveyers of highways
- 15) voted Eben<sup>r</sup> trusdil and obediah Sabin surveyers of highways
- 16) voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Healy sealer of weights and measurs
- 17) voted Joseph polly sealer of Leather
- 18) voted Elijah Dodge and David Cuttin fence vewers
- 19) voted Daniel Harris and David Sterns hogrevs
- 20) voted that swine shall go at large
- 21) voted by the town there axceptance of the nams of the persons to serve on the pettee jury at Worcester Courts
- 22) voted 20 0-0 lawfull money for schooling year insuing
- 23) voted 20-0-0 lawfull money for the mening our highway
- 24) voted to go on in the same method to mend our highways as in time past
- 25) voted by the town there axceptance of a highway for Elishua Corbin he paying the cost if any be
- 26) voted by the town there axceptance of a highway laid out from m<sup>r</sup> Joseph                      land to Abijah Newells
- 27) voted to a number of persons the south part of our meeting house in the mens gallery to build a pew namly

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Jonathan Dennis Joseph Healy Sam<sup>l</sup> Eams Nathaniel Healy  
mark Ellwell Daniel newell philip Newell

28) voted to Benja<sup>n</sup> morris and Sam<sup>l</sup> Fairbanks jun<sup>r</sup> the  
south east corner of our meeting house ovr the wemans stairs  
to build them a pew they not discommoding the stairs nor  
windows on the terms they requested

29) voted to job ruewe and Jams fuller that pew in our  
meeting house that was Cap<sup>t</sup> Clement Corbins on the same  
footing that the others were disposd of vz they to injoy it  
during there abode in the town and at there leaving y<sup>e</sup> town  
sd pew to return to the town again the town paying them the  
cost of building sd pew

the town officers chosen at this meeting have taken there  
oaths Cap<sup>t</sup> Newell chosen Constable at this meeting and  
dismist by a vote

Dudley march y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1757 a highway laid out by the  
select men of sd town begining at Elcazer putneys southwest  
corner thence runing upon his line northeast to a heap of stons  
thence east to a whit oake tree marked thence southeast to  
another whit oak tree marked south to a maple tree marked  
east to a blackoake tree marked northeast to a blackoake tree  
marked east to another blackoak tree marked east to another  
blackoak tree marked from thence to a roade formerly laid out  
through the land of m<sup>r</sup> Benja<sup>n</sup> Newells late of Dudley Disest  
sd road to ly on the south side of sd marks and to be two  
rods wide

Dudley February y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1757 a highway laid out by the  
select men of sd town for Elishua Corbin at his desire as fol-  
lows begining on the east side the highway that leads from  
David Cuttins to our meeting house at the corner between  
Jams Corbins and Thomus Newells land from thence runing  
east by the line between sd Corbins and Newells land to a  
blackoak stub which is the corner bounds of sd Newells land  
then runing north till it coms to Elishua Corbins land

the above mentionod roade to be on the south side of sd Newells line and sd roade to be two rods wide sd Elishua to be at the cost of sd road if any be

these above mentioned roads were laid before the town at our aneual meeting in march 1757 and axcepted by y<sup>e</sup> town

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to the gentlemen of the town of Dudley m<sup>r</sup> moderater  
Si<sup>r</sup> we the subscribers being very ill accomodated to atend the publicke worship at our own parish do humbly beg a continuance of the previlidge that we have injoyed in congregating with you as in years past and in order to convene our selves and familys we desire a privilidge of building a pew over the wemans stairs and if it please the gentlemen of this town to grant sd pittion to us we beg an unmolested use of sd pew till such time as it is wanted for the towns use and at the request of the townsmen we promise to resign sd pew in good repair to them provided y<sup>e</sup> sd towsmen paye us the first cost and further we promise to come into and joyn in any reasonable method to obligate our selves to pay y<sup>e</sup> town rates for our heads so long as the above sd prelidge is afforded to us this our petition or petitions from us which we ever humbly pray

Benja<sup>n</sup> morris

Sam<sup>l</sup> fairbanks jun<sup>r</sup>

Killingly march y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1757

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may y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1757

Worcester ss to either of the constables of the town of  
Dudley Joshua Vinton or Ezra Conant greeting you are  
heaby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifyd to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> of may instant at three a clock after noone then and there to act on the following articles

warrant

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1) to chuse a representative at the great and general Court the year insuing

2) to chuse a school committee for y<sup>e</sup> present year

3) to se if the town will agree that the county rate may be put into sume other rate and paid out of y<sup>e</sup> town treasury

4) to se if the town will grant money for nesisery usses and make due return of your proceedings as you will answer your defalt at the peril of the law

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerke

By virtue of this warrant I have notifd the inhabitants of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned

at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> day of may 1757

1) voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomus Cheeney representative for y<sup>e</sup> year insuing

2) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph upham moderater for sd meeting

3) voted m<sup>r</sup> philip Corbin m<sup>r</sup> Joseph vinton and m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Robinson for a school committee the present year

4) voted that the county rate may be put into sume other rate and payd out of the town treasury for y<sup>e</sup> future

5) voted 7-0-0 lawfull money to defray nessery charges for the present year

December 1757 y<sup>e</sup> rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleasons salery is 44-8-10-2 lawfull money or 333-6-8-0 old tenor

December 1757 the rates made for that year and deliverd into the constables hands with warrants for collecting the same



Constable Joshua Vintons list for the province is	102- 3- 0- 0
and his list for the minesters rate is	25-14- 9- 0
and his list for the wood rate is	4-12- 7- 0
and his list for the school rate is	10-18- 1- 1
and his list for the town rate is	5- 8- 9- 3
Constable Ezra Conants list for the province is	83-17- 0- 0
and his list for the minesters rate is	20-13- 0- 3
and his list for the wood rate is	3-14- 0- 3
and his list for the school rate is	9- 4- 7- 0
and his list for the town rate is	4-11- 8- 3

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Dudley February y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1758

Worcester ss      to either of the constables of the town of  
Dudley Joshua Vinton or Ezra Conant greeting      you are  
hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhab-  
itants of the town of Dudley qualifyd to vote in town affairs to  
meet at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> day of  
march next at nine a clock in the morning then and the to  
act upon the following articles

warrant

- 1) to chuse a moderater for sd meeting
- 2) to chuse town officers for the year insuinge
- 3) to grant money to defray the charge of schooling
- 4) to chuse a committee to provide schooling the present year
- 5) to agree on some method for mending our highways and to grant money to defray the charge thereof
- 6) to hear and grant any petition which may then be laid before the town if they see cause
- 7) to chuse a committee to reckon with m<sup>r</sup> Joseph upham who hath servd as treasurer for this town
- 8) to se if the town will devid the middle school ward in this town

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and make due return of your proceedings as you will answer  
your default at the peril of the law

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant      Town Clerke

By vertue of this warrant I have warnd the inhabitants of  
this town to meet at time and place within mentioned

Ezra Conant      Constable

meeting

at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regu-  
larly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday  
y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> of march 1758

- 1) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Sabin moderater for sd meetinge
- 2) voted to have five select men the year insuing
- 3) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Sabin select man
- 4) voted m<sup>r</sup> phineus mixer select man
- 5) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph upham select man
- 6) voted m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Corbin select man
- 7) voted Ezra Conant select man
- 8) voted the select men to be assessers
- 9) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerke
- 10) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph upham town treasurer
- 11) voted m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Robinson Constable for the east end of  
the town
- 12) voted m<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> trusdil Constable for the west end of the  
town
- 13) voted Joseph Jewell jun<sup>r</sup> and timothy foster tything men
- 14) voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Healy sealer of weights and measuers
- 15) voted Joseph polley sealer of leather
- 16) voted Elijah gore and Eben<sup>r</sup> Edmunds junr surveyers of  
highways
- 17) voted Lef<sup>t</sup> Bradbery and Andrew white surveyers of  
highways
- 18) voted the surveyers of highways to be colecters of the  
highway rates in labour and if not in money

- 19) voted Jacob Chamberline and Elishua Corbin fence  
viewers  
20) voted that swine shall go at large  
21) voted Jonathan Hebbard and Thomas Hochins hoge  
revevs  
22) voted Sam<sup>l</sup> Chamberline and Eben<sup>r</sup> Scott dear revevs  
23) voted 20-0-0 lawfull money to defray the charge of  
schooling  
24) voted 20-0-0 lawfull money for mending our highways  
25) voted labour at the highways at 0-2-6 a day from the  
first of may to the last of September and after that at 0-1-6  
a day  
26) voted to dismise the petition relating the west pew in  
our meeting house gallery for the present  
27) voted to dismise deviding the middle school ward for  
the present  
28) voted m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Corbin m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> may and Andrew white  
for a committee to settle with the town treasurer and make  
report at our may meeting  
29) voted m<sup>r</sup> John Curtis m<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Bacon and m<sup>r</sup> paul  
Robinson for a committee to provid schooling the year insuing  
the several officers before mentioned have taken there oaths  
as the law directs accept Sam<sup>l</sup> Chamberline being moved out  
of town

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Dudley may 4<sup>th</sup> 1758. Then receivd y<sup>e</sup> Sum of one hun-  
dred and forty-eight pounds, three shillings and two pence two  
farthings in full of my Salary and arrearages to y<sup>e</sup> first day of  
march 1757 Wood Excepted

P<sup>r</sup> Charles Gleason

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Dudley may y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1758

Worcester ss to either of the constables town of Dudley

warrant

Sam<sup>l</sup> Robinson or Eben<sup>r</sup> trusdil greeting you are hearby required forthwith to warn or notify y<sup>e</sup> several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifyd to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup> twenty second day of may instent at two a clock after noone then and there to act upon the following articles

- 1) to chuse a moderater for sd meeting
  - 2) to chuse a person to represent this town at the great and general court to be holden at the Court house in Boston the year insuing
  - 3) to grant money for necissery uses
  - 4) to se what the town will do relating to y<sup>e</sup> rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleasons fire wood
  - 5) to se whate the town will do concerning y<sup>e</sup> arereiges of y<sup>e</sup> highway rates
  - 6) to se if the town will allow the school money given by John Thompson to ly in m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Robinsons hands he paying the use
  - 7) to hear the report of y<sup>e</sup> committee that was chosen to settle with treasurer upham
  - 8) to chuse a person to take care of our meeting house and dige graves when needed
  - 9) to hear and grant any petition that may then be laid before the town if they se fitt
- and make due return of your proceedings as you will answer your defalt at the peril of the law

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerke

By vertue of this warrant I have notifyd the inhabitants of this to meet at time and place within mentioned

Eben<sup>r</sup> trusdil Constable

meeting

at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> day of may 1758

- 1) voted not to send a Deputy
- 2) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph upham moderater for sd meeting
- 3) voted 8-0-0 lawfull money for nessisery uses
- 4) voted that the present surveyers collect the ereriges of the highway lists and worke it out on our highways in the method they work this year
- 5) voted that the money in m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>n</sup> Robinsons hands belonging to the town to ly in his hands a year after it is payable he paying the interest
- 6) voted there acceptance of the committees report in settling with treasurer upham
- 7) voted there acceptance of three quarters of an acre of land which Cap<sup>n</sup> paul Robinson reservd in nathan jellferds land for a burying place and gives that to the neighbourhood for that use reserving a priviledge for himself and family
- 8) voted m<sup>r</sup> will<sup>m</sup> Cartur for to dig graves
- 9) voted the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason 30 cords of fire wood brought to his house by the last of january next at forty shilings a cord old tenor mr gleasons  
grant
- 10) voted m<sup>r</sup> Alixander Thompson to take care of our meeting house this year

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A settlement with the treasurer m<sup>r</sup> Joseph upham  
Dudley April 12 1758

and we find in his hands the sume of	4-14- 4- 0
and remaining in Constable Eben <sup>r</sup> Davisons hands	14- 4-11- 3
and in Constable jedediah marcys hands	16- 8-11- 3
and in Constable mays hands	1- 5- 4- 2

Sam <sup>n</sup> Corbin	} Committee
Andrew white	

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Worcester ss      to Constable Sam<sup>n</sup> Robinson      you are  
hearby requird in his majestys name forthwith to warn the

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several familys hear after mentioned to depart ont of this town vz Sam<sup>l</sup> Chubb with his wife prudence and children rebeckah mary and Lucy moses mackclallen and mary his wife and child mary James Shafter with Esther his wife and children Simon Lois mary and Esther and likewise Hezekiah Bellos

and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon as you will answer your defalt at the peril of the law in that case made and provided

Dudley july y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1758

Joseph upham	} Select men
Sam <sup>l</sup> Corbin	
Ezra Conant	

By vertue of this warrant I have warnd the several persons within named to depart out of this town of Dudley as the law directes july y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1758

Sam<sup>l</sup> Robinson Constable

Worcester ss to Constable Eben<sup>r</sup> trusdil you are hearby requird in his majestys name forthwith to warn the several familys hereafter mentioned to depart out of this town vz John wiley with his wife Rachel and children Robin Susannah and Robert John Scott with his wife mary and child Sam<sup>l</sup> palmer with Rachel his wife and children Rachel mehitebel Sam<sup>l</sup> comfort Silas and hannah John Coburn and Deborah his wife and his children zeruiah John and Joseph and likewise susannah wiley

and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon as you will answer your defalt at the peril of the law in that case made and provided

Dudley july y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1758

Joseph upham	} Select men
Sam <sup>l</sup> Corbin	
Ezra Conant	

july y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1758 in obedience to the within written warrant to me directed I have warnd the several persons within



mentioned to depart according to the tenor of the within  
written warrant

p<sup>r</sup> me      Eben<sup>r</sup> Trusdil      Constable

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This 18<sup>th</sup> day of may 1758 the Select men of the town of  
Oxford and Dudley meet at the pond called Charmamagunka-  
muge and preambled the line Between sd Oxford and  
Dudley from sd pond to Chalton southeast corner and renewed  
the Bounds according the former preambulation

John Willson	}	Select men
Alixander Campbel		of
Eben <sup>r</sup> Learnerd		Oxford
Joseph upham	}	Select men
Sam <sup>ll</sup> Corbin		of Dudley

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we the subscribers hearunto have preambled the Bounds  
between Dudley and Chalton as follows vz begining at a heap  
of stons which is the northeast corner of Dudley and the south-  
east corner of Chalton from thence to a black oak from thence  
to a white oak from thence to a white oak being m<sup>r</sup> uphams  
N. E. corner from thence to a maple tree in a swamp from  
thence to a white oak from thence to a dry pitch pine on a  
hill with stons about it from thence to a white oak tree east  
of m<sup>r</sup> pairpints medow from thence to a white oak from thence  
to a black oak and stons about it from thence to a red oak  
tree in m<sup>r</sup> pairpoynts wall from to a white from thence  
to a red oak and a heap of stons by it from thence to a large  
red oak south of Foskitts from thence to a walnut tree and  
stons about it from thence to a stump with stons about it from  
thence to a white oak and black oak together from thence to  
red oak on the east side of y<sup>e</sup> great pond from thence to a gray  
oak on the west sid of sd pond from thence to a chesnut tree  
from thence to a great black oak tree on the east sid the little

pond from thence to a white oak on the west sid the little pond  
 from thence to a white oak on the west sid of a swamp from  
 thence to a heap of stons on the hill south of Bloods from  
 to a heap of stons on a rock from thence to a white oak tree  
 at the south end of Isaiah Bloods land from thence to a walnut  
 tree in Eleazer putney north line from thence to a white oak  
 from thence to a stak and heap of stons from thence to a white  
 oak with a heap of stons about it on a hill north of m<sup>r</sup> Joseph  
 Sabins from thence to a black oak from thence to a heap of  
 stons by a crathed red oak from thence to a large white pine  
 tree near were trout brook enters the river from thence to heap  
 of stons on the side hill west of the river from thence to a  
 white oak tree from thence to a white oak tree from thence to  
 a walnut tree from thence to a white oak tree from thence to a  
 small crothed white oak tree west of a ledge of rocks from  
 thence to a heap of stons which is Dudley N. W corner and  
 Chalton S<sup>w</sup> corner

Dudley April y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1758

phinehus mixer	} Select men of Dudley and Chalton
Joseph upham	
Richard Dresser	
Isaiah Blood	

Dudley November 1758 rates made and deliverd into the  
 Constabls hands with warrants for colecting the same

Constable Sam <sup>l</sup> Robinsons list to the province	85- 2- 2- 1
his list to the minester	20- 4- 6- 2
his wood list	3-16- 5- 3
his school list	9- 7- 7- 2
his town and county list	7- 0- 4- 1
Constable Eben <sup>r</sup> Trusdils list to the province	85- 2- 2- 1
his list to the minester	24- 6-11- 1
his wood list	4-12- 1- 0
his school list	10-15- 1- 0
and his town and county list	7-16-11- 1

Worcester ss            to Eben<sup>r</sup> Trusdil one of the Constables of            warrant  
 the town of Dudley in the county of Worcester greeting    you  
 are hearby in his majestys name requird forthwith to warn or  
 notify the inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifyd to vote  
 in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in Dudley on  
 monday the fifth day of march next at nine a clocke in the  
 morning then and there to act upon the following articles

1) to chuse a moderater for the present meeting  
 2) to chuse town officers for the year insuing as the law  
 directs

3) to se what method the town will take for the mending  
 our highways in sd town and to grant money for the mending  
 sd highways

4) to se what sune or sunes of money the town will grant  
 to defray the charg of schooling y<sup>e</sup> year insuing

5) to se if the town will chuse a committee to provid  
 schooling y<sup>e</sup> year insuing

6) to se if the town will chuse a committee to reckon with  
 y<sup>e</sup> town treasurer

7) for to hear and grant any petition or petitions that may  
 be laid before them at sd meeting

8) to se if the town will vote for swine to go at large

9) to se if the town will accept of any highway or roads  
 laid out by y<sup>e</sup> select men

and make due return of your proceedings as you will answer  
 your default at the peril of the law

Dated at Dudley this thirteenth day of February y<sup>e</sup> 32d year  
 of his majestys reign A D 1759

Joseph Sabin	} Select men
Joseph upham	
phinehas mixer	
Sam <sup>l</sup> Corbin	

By vertue of this warrant I have notifyd the inhabitants of  
 this town to meet at time and place within mentioned

Eben<sup>r</sup> Trusdil            Constable

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meeting

at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> day of march 1759

- 1) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Sabin moderater for sd meeting
- 2) voted to have five select men the present year
- 3) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant select man
- 4) voted Joseph Sabin select man
- 5) voted Sam<sup>l</sup> Corbin select man
- 6) voted Sam<sup>l</sup> Robinson select man
- 7) voted Joseph jewell jun<sup>r</sup> select man
- 8) voted the select men to be assessers
- 9) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerke
- 10) voted Joseph upham Town treasurer
- 11) voted Nathaniel jewell Constable for the west end of the town
- 12) voted will<sup>m</sup> Cartur Constable and Andrew white by the town in his roome
- 13) voted Joshua Healy jun<sup>r</sup> and Nathan jefferds tything men
- 14) voted John tayler Joseph Burnul Sam<sup>l</sup> Fairbanks and Sam<sup>l</sup> Kidder surveyers of highways
- 15) voted Jonathan Hebbard and Elishua Sabin jun<sup>r</sup> hog reives
- 16) voted for swine to go at large
- 17) voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Healy sealer of waits and measurs
- 18) voted Joseph polly sealer of leather
- 19) voted job ruewe and Jonathan Dennis fence vewers
- 20) voted Eben<sup>r</sup> Scott and Eleazer putney dear reives
- 21) voted 40-0-0 lawfull money for to mend our highways
- 22) voted the surveyers of our highways to be colecters for sd sume granted for that use either in labour or money
- 23) voted labour at our highways at 0-3-0 a day till the last of September and after that at two shilling a day
- 24) voted 20-0-0 lawfull money to defray the charge of schooling the present year
- 25) voted Lef<sup>t</sup> Bradbery phillip Corbin and Abijah Newell for a committee to provid schooling y<sup>e</sup> year insuing

26) voted and abated m<sup>r</sup> foster his sons rate that was wounded in the servise

27) voted m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Corbin m<sup>r</sup> jedediah marcy and Ezra Conant for a committee to settle with treasurer upham and to make return at may meeting

28) voted by the town there acceptance of a highway laid out for Elishua Corbin by ye selectmen at his request

29) voted to a number of young men the southwest corner of our meeting house over the mens stairs for to build them a pue at there own cost and charge and whenever the town shall cause to improve it any other way they expect there cost back again Joseph upham David Kidder Lemuel Corbin Brown Dodge Eben<sup>r</sup> tayler Jire Vinton will<sup>m</sup> morris Stephen Carter

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A highway or road laid out for m<sup>r</sup> Elishua Corbin at his request by the selectmen of Dudley which is as follows beginning at the east end of the road or way which is allready laid out and excepted by the town for him and to extend eastwardly as far as the east end of sd Corbins dwelling house the sd road is to ly south of sd Elishua Corbins south line and to be two rods wide and no more

Dudley February y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1759

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Dudley may y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1759

Worcester ss to either of the constables of the town of Dudley nathaniel jewell or Andrew white greeting you are hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifid to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on thirsday y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> day of may instent at three a clock after noon then and there to act upon the following articles

warrant

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- 1) to chuse a person to represent our town at the great and general court to be holden at Boston the year insuing
  - 2) to grant money for nessesery use
  - 3) to reconsider the vote that was past at our march meeting last concerning a road laid out for Elishua Corbin at his request
  - 4) to chuse a person to take care of our meeting house
  - 5) to see if the town will vote the pue in the west gallery of our meeting house to the younge men that built it or pay them there cost and dispose of it in some method as the town shall think fitt
  - 6) to se if the town will devid our middle school ward into two or three parts for schooling
- and make due return of your proceedings as you will answer your defalt at the peril of the law

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant      Town Clerke

By vertue of this warrant I have notify the inhabitants of the town of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned

Andrew white      Constable

meeting

at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on thirsday y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> day of may 1759 in order to chuse a Deputy and the town declind chusing any

- 1) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Sabin moderater for sd meeting
- 2) voted 12-0-0 lawfull money for nessisery use
- 3) voted and reconsiderd the vote of acceptance of a road for Elishua Corbin at our last march meeting in 1759
- 4) voted m<sup>r</sup> Benja<sup>n</sup> Davis to take care of meeting house y<sup>e</sup> year insuing
- 5) voted that the young men are not to have the pue which they built in the west gallery of our meeting house
- 6) voted that the young men are not to have there cost for building sd pue



7) voted that the sd young men may take away the sd pue when they se cause

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These may certify whome it may concern that Thomas Cheney Esq<sup>r</sup> of Dudley doth freequently and usually meet with the Baptist Church at Sturbridge and we beleive he is conceinsusly of that perswasion

Sturbridge july y <sup>e</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> 1759	Henry Fiske	} Chosen for that purpose
	Daniel Fiske	
	John Newell	

Sutton july y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1759 to the assessers of Dudley these may certify you that Joseph Vinton of sd town has declard to us the subscribers that he is of the Baptis prinseples and we beleive he is consienciouly in our Baptis perswasion we think he ought to have the privildg of the law and to be cleard from paying minesteriel chargs

David Harwood	} by us chosen
Benja <sup>n</sup> marsh	
Joseph Bullen	

These may certify whome it may concern Alixander Brown of Dudley doth frequently attend the publicke worship of God with the Baptis Church at Sturbridge and we beleive he is concontously inclined to that perswasion

Sturbridge july y <sup>e</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> 1759	Henry Fiske	} Chosen for y <sup>t</sup> purpose
	Daniel Fiske	
	John Newell	

These may certify whome it may concern that Elishua Sabin jun<sup>r</sup> of Dudley doth freequently and usually meet with the Baptis Church at Sturbridge and we beleive he is consciencously of that perswasion

Sturbridg july y <sup>e</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> 1759	Henry Fiske	} Chosen for that purpose
	Daniel Fiske	
	John Newell	

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*Dudley Town Records, 1759-1760.*

November 1759 rates made and delivered into the  
constables hands for the town of Dudley with warrants for  
collecting the same

Constable Nathaniel Jewells list to the province is	120-12-11- 1
and his ministers list	24-12- 7- 2
and his wood list	4-18-10- 3
and his school list	11- 1- 9- 3
and his town and county list	8-15-11- 1
Constable Andrew Whits list to the province is	102- 9- 3- 0
and his list to the minister is	20-13- 2- 3
and his wood list	4- 2- 3- 3
and his list to the school is	9- 6- 8- 3
and his town and county list is	7- 9- 5- 2

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Dudley November y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1759

Worcester ss to Constable Andrew white greeting in  
his majestys name you are required to warn all those persons  
hereafter named to depart out of the town of Dudley forthwith  
the names of persons are these Mary Sanders and her daughter  
Mary and her son abiding at Abijah Tuckers also Isaac  
Humphry and his wife and his children Isaac and Elijah and  
Sam<sup>l</sup> and David Burril the widow Sarah Southwick and  
Abigail Noland and her child

and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon  
as you will answer your default at the peril of the law

Joseph Sabin	} Select men
Sam <sup>l</sup> Corbin	
Sam <sup>l</sup> Robinson	
Joseph Jewell	

in obedience to this warrant I have warned the within named  
persons to depart out of this town according to the tenor of  
this warrant

Dudley January y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1760

p<sup>r</sup> me Andrew white Constable

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Dudley January 29<sup>th</sup> 1760

Then receivd the sum of eighty eight pounds, seventeen shillings and nine pence, in full of my salary to the First day of march 1759, and sixteen pounds in full of my Wood-Rate to the last day of oct<sup>r</sup> 1759

p<sup>r</sup> Charles Gleason

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Dudley january y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1760

Worcester ss to either of constables of the town of Dudley Nathaniel jewell or Andrew white greeting you are hearby required forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifyd to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on tusday y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> day of january instent at one a clock after noone then and there to act upon the following articles

warrant

1) for the town to hear and act on the proposals which the Rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason may make relating to the land the town gave him near our meeting house in y<sup>e</sup> year 1744 in order to build him a house on

2) to se if the town will confirm the agreement the middle school ward made to devide into two part

3) to see if the town will let the money remain in m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Robinsons hands another year which John Tompson gave the town he paying the interst

4) to hear the committees report relating to the treasurer

5) to se if the town will reconsider the vots the where past concerning the pue in the west gallery of our meeting house and dispose of it as the town shall think proper

6) to se if the town will Build a new pound and wether with wood or stone

and make due return of your proceedings as you will answer your defalt at the peril of the law

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerke

in obedance to this warrant I have notifyd the inhabitants of

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the town of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned  
 Andrew white      Constable

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meeting

at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on tuesday y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> of january 1760

- 1) voted Deacon Newell moderater for sd meeting
  - 2) voted not to purchase that acre and half of land the town gave the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason by our meeting house
  - 3) a vote being requested wether the town would confirm the agreement made by the middle school ward for deviding into two parts and it past in the negative
  - 4) voted that the towns money in m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Robinsons to remain there another year
  - 5) voted there acceptance of the committees settlement with Treasurer upham
  - 6) voted and reconsider the vots that were past relating to the pue the young men built in the west gallery of our meeting house at a meeting in may last
  - 7) voted the pue in the west gallery of our meeting house to the young men that Built it taking out Robert Webster and John Eams and puting in Lef<sup>t</sup> John Cortis Nathaniel jewell and Andrew Coburn jun<sup>r</sup> they paying sd webster and Eams there first cost in building and it is expected that the owners of sd pue will maintain the glasse adjoyning to sd pue as others do
  - 8) voted not to build a pound for the presente
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we the subscribers being chosen as a committee by the town of Dudley to Recken with Treasurer upham have attended that

service and we find in the treasurers hands the sume of  
11-2-3-3 lawfull money

Dudley january y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1760

Sam <sup>ll</sup> Corbin	} Committee
jedidiah marcy	
Ezra Conant	

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Dudley February y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1760

Worcester ss                      to either of the constables of the town of  
Dudley Nathaniel jewell or Andrew white greeting                      you  
are hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several in-  
habitants of the town of Dudley qualifd to vote in town affairs  
to meet at our meeting house in sd town on monday the third  
day of march next at nine a clock in the morning                      then and  
there to act upon the following articles

warrant

1) to chuse a moderater for sd meeting  
2) to chuse town officers for the year insuing  
3) to se if the town will chuse a committee to bound out  
our four acrees of land by our meeting house according to the  
plan of it and to stake out the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleasons acree and a  
half for him on y<sup>e</sup> sd four acrees

4) to se if the town will reconsider there vote of acceptance  
the last part of m<sup>r</sup> Elishua Corbins road on his brother James  
Corbins land and to advance the first part of sd road three rods  
further east

5) to agree on sume method for the mending our highways  
and grant money for y<sup>e</sup> same

6) to grant money to defray the charge of schooling and  
also to chuse a committee for y<sup>e</sup> same

7) to se if the town will accept of the highway laid out by  
m<sup>r</sup> David Sternses

8) to se if the town will divid the middle and west school  
wards into four parts

9) to se if the town will grant money to defray nessisery  
chargs

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and make due return of your proceedings as you will answer  
your default at the peril of the law

By order of y<sup>e</sup> select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant      Town Clerke

By vertue of this warrant I have notifyd the inhabitants of  
the town of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned

Andrew white      Constable

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meeting

at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regu-  
lerly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday  
the third day of march 1760

- 1) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph upham moderater for sd meeting
- 2) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerke
- 3) voted to have but 3 select men seperat from assessers
- 4) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant select man
- 5) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph upham select man
- 6) voted m<sup>r</sup> phinehus mixer select man
- 7) voted to have three assessers seperat from the select men
- 8) voted m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> fairbanks assessor
- 9) voted m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Corbin assessor
- 10) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Sabin jun<sup>r</sup> assessor
- 11) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph upham town treasurer
- 12) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Burnul constable for the west end of  
the town
- 13) voted m<sup>r</sup> Timothy foster constable for the east end of  
the town
- 14) voted Andrew white and Joseph Healy tything men
- 15) voted Deacon Newell Sam<sup>l</sup> fairbanks Andrew white  
Ezra Conant and Joseph Sabin jun<sup>r</sup> surveyers of highways and  
voted them colecters of sd highway lists
- 16) voted Sam<sup>l</sup> may and Abijah Newell fence vewers
- 17) voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Healy sealer of waits and measurs
- 18) voted Joseph polly sealer of leather
- 19) voted that swine may go at large
- 20) voted Joseph Edmunds jun<sup>r</sup> Joseph Stone and Simeon  
wakfeild for hogreaves



21) voted the select men as a committee to settle the Bounds of our four acres of land at our meeting house and to measure out y<sup>e</sup> rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleasons acre and a half of land on sd four acres

22) voted and disanuled there vote of acceptance of the second part of Elishua Corbins road laid on his brother James Corbins land and voted the first part of sd road to advance three rods further east

23) voted to mend our highways in the same method as in the year past

24) voted 50-0-0 for the mending our highways and to be workt out at 0-3-0 a day till the last of September and then at 0-2-0 a day

25) voted that the middle and west school wards are divided into four school wards according to the paper now laid before the town

26) voted 30-0-0 to defray the charge of schooling the present year

27) voted and referd over the acceptance of the road by m<sup>r</sup> Sternses for consideration and raising money for nessisery uses to may meeting

note the several officers above mentioned have taken there oaths

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Dudley may y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1760

Worcester ss to either of the constables of the town or Dudley Timothy Foster or Joseph Burnul greeting you are hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifyd to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on thirsday y<sup>e</sup> 22 day of this instant may at two a clock after noone then and there to act upon the following articles

warrant

1) to chuse a representative for the year insuing

2) to se if the town will accept of th<sup>e</sup> committees report relating to y<sup>e</sup> rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleasons land by our meeting house

3) to se if the town will accept of the highway laid out

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from Deacon Edmunds south line by David Sternes to the colony line it being referd over from march meeting to this in may for consideration

4) to se if the town will free m<sup>r</sup> ramsdil and his estate towards the support of the widow rich for the future provided he gives her her board y<sup>e</sup> present year

5) to grant money for nessisery uses

6) to dispos of our school house by our meeting house as they think most proper

7) to se if the town will build a new pound and wether with wood or stone

and make due return of your proceedings as you will answer your defalt at the peril of the law

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerke

By vertue of this warrant I have notifiyd the inhabitants of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned

Timothy Foster Constable

meeting

at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on thirsday the 22<sup>d</sup> day of may 1760

and it being requested wether they would send a Debputy and the people declined sending

1) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph upham moderater for sd meeting

2) voted by the town there acceptance of y<sup>e</sup> committees report relating to y<sup>e</sup> rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleasons acree and a half of land by our meeting house according to the plan made by m<sup>r</sup> Theophilus Chandler surveyer

3) voted there acceptance of a highway laid out from Deacon Edmunds south line by David Sternses to the colony line it being referd over from march meeting to this in may for consideration

4) voted to clear m<sup>r</sup> ramsdil and his estate for the future from any further charge towards the support of the widow

jane rich he gives her her board the present year

5) voted to build a pound with stone within a year from this time

6) voted 14-0-0 for the charge of building sd pound

7) voted 4-0-0 for nessisery charges

8) voted to set sd pound by m<sup>r</sup> will<sup>m</sup> Carturs

9) voted m<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Bacon m<sup>r</sup> Joseph upham and m<sup>r</sup> phinehus mixer to be a committee to dispose of our school house by our meeting in the best manner they cane and to deliver each part there proportion of the money

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Dudley February y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1760

a highway laid out by the select men of sd town at the request of a number of persons as follows begining at the south-west corner of m<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Bacons farm at the south end of a road formerly laid out and runing about south two rods wide east of m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Burnuls first lease of m<sup>r</sup> Dudleys land were the path is now trod to a white oak tree with stons by the side of it from thence by the east end of m<sup>r</sup> David Sternses house from thence pritty straight to a white oak stump in the middle of the road near the colony line at the little gate that gos out of sd Sternses pasture y<sup>e</sup> sd road to be two rodes wide

this sd road was brought to the town at our aneuel meeting in march in 1760 and not accepted but referd over to our meeting in may for consideration and then accepted by the town

Benja <sup>n</sup> Conant	} Select men
Joseph Sabin	
Sam <sup>ll</sup> Corbin	
Joseph jewell jun <sup>r</sup>	

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Dudley july y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>t</sup> 1760

Worcester ss to either of the constables of the town of warrant

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Dudley Timothy Foster or Joseph Burnul greeting      you are  
 hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabi-  
 tants of the town of Dudley qualifd to vote in town affairs to  
 meet at our meeting house in sd town on thirsday y<sup>e</sup> 10 day of  
 this instent july at four a clock after noone      then and there  
 to act upon the following articles

- 1) to chuse a moderater for sd meeting
- 2) to see if the town will reconsider the vots that were past  
 at our last march and may meetings concerning the division of  
 our middle and west school wards and come into some other  
 or better method to accomedate the whole and also to recon-  
 sider the grant of money that was raised for schooling
- 3) to se if the town will except of the jury men laid before  
 them
- 4) to se if the town will set a prise upon labour about our  
 pound or put it out by the great  
 and make due return of your proceedings as you will answer  
 your defalt at the peril of the law

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant      Town Clerke

By vertue of this warrant I have notifyd the inhabitants of  
 the town of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned  
 Timothy Foster      Constable

at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regu-  
 larly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on thirsday y<sup>e</sup>  
 10<sup>th</sup> day of july 1760

- 1) voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Newell moderater for sd meeting
- 2) voted and reconsiderd the votes that were past at our  
 last march and may meeting relating to the division of our  
 middle and west school wards
- 3) voted by the town their exceptance of the jury men laid  
 before them      this meeting is adjurend to y<sup>e</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> day of  
 August next at two a clock after noone

at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regu-

lerly assembled at our meeting in sd town on ye 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 1760 upon adjurnment from ye 10<sup>th</sup> of july last

- 1) voted to put out the Building of our pound by the great
- 2) voted 9-10-0 lawfull money to m<sup>r</sup> Elishua Corbin for building a good stone pound By m<sup>r</sup> will<sup>m</sup> Carturs sd pound to be 3 foot and a half thick at bottom of said wall and about eighteen or twenty intichs thick at top and six foot and a half high with a teer of good flatt stons on the wall above the six foot and half high sd pound to be two rod squar within the walls with a good gate well hangd the town finding the irons sd pound to be compleated by the first of may next

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Dudley August ye 30<sup>th</sup> 1760

Worcester ss to either of the constables of the town of Dudley Timothy foster or Joseph Burnul greeting you are hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifyd to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on tusday ye 9<sup>th</sup> day of Sep<sup>r</sup> next at three a clock after noone then and there to act upon the following articles

warrant

- 1) to chuse a moderater for sd meeting
  - 2) to se if the town will agree to the division of our middle and west school wards as they where laid before the town at our last aneual meeting in march or come into some other method as they shall think fitt
  - 3) to se if the town will grant any sume or sumes of money to be assest on each or either of sd divisons to build there school houses and also to build sd houses
- and make due return of our proceedings as you will answer your defalt at the peril of law

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerke

By vertue of this warrant I have notifyd the inhabitants of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned

Timothy foster Constable

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meeting

at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on tuesday y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> day of Sep<sup>r</sup> 1760

- 1) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph upham moderater for sd meeting
- 2) voted to stand by the division of our middle and west school wards as they where laid before the town at our last march meeting
- 3) voted 13-6-8 to be raisd upon each division for building sd school houses
- 4) voted phinehus mixer Eben<sup>r</sup> Davison Sam<sup>ll</sup> may Joshua Healy jun<sup>r</sup> Joseph Burnul Eben<sup>r</sup> Edmunds jun<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup> Corbin philip Corb and Joseph upham for three committees to build sd school houses

Dudley September y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1760

Know all men by these presents that I will<sup>m</sup> Cartur of Dudley in the county of Worcester do hearby give grant and discharge for myself and heirs all my right and tittle to a certain peace of land on the west side the road near my house oposit against the old pound containing thirty eight foot squar whereon to set a pound for the towns use during the towns pleasure and whenever the town ses cause to remove the pound sd land to return to sd will<sup>m</sup> Cartur as wittness my hand

Andred Darby }  
John Nickolls }

William Carter.

warrant

Worcester ss To Duncan Campbell Esq<sup>r</sup> one of his majestys justies of peace for sd county shew our earnest request and desire of us the subscribers inhabitants of the town of Dudley in sd county and being freeholders in sd town whereas we the subscribers aforsd made application to the selectmen of sd Dudley several tims in writinge under our hands by us subscribers desiring the sd selectmen to call a town meeting as



soone as could be by law to act upon the following articles vz

1) to chuse a moderater for sd meeting  
2) to se if the will reconsider the votes that were past at our last town meeting on September y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1760

3) to se if the town will sete of a number of subscribers a school ward to keep a school in the house that was our old school house by our meeting house and to draw there proportion of school money yearly they paying the other inhabitants there just proportion of the money the old school house was sold for

4) to se if the town will chuse a committee to provide schooling

5) to se if the town will allow those persons on the west side of quineboge River to draw there own school money to be laid out in schooling amongst themselves

and we the subscribers pray that you would grant us a warrant for calling a town meeting to act on the articles above mentioned on the eighteth day of December next at ten a clock in the forenoone

Sam<sup>ll</sup> Newell  
Joseph Sabin  
Sam<sup>ll</sup> Corbin  
Jacob Chamberline  
Joshua Vinton  
Hezekiah Bellus  
Elezer putney  
James Corbin  
Will<sup>m</sup> Cartur  
Andrew white  
Sam<sup>ll</sup> Eams  
Eben<sup>r</sup> Bacon  
Joshua Healy jun<sup>r</sup>

Worcester ss            to Joseph Burnul one of the constables of  
Dudley in sd county of Worcester greeting            in his majestys  
name you are hearby requird agreeable to law to notify and  
warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of Dudley qualifyd  
by law to vote in town affairs to meet at the meeting house in

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Dudley on monday the eighteth day of December next at ten a clock in the forenoone then and there to transact on each and every of the perticulers within mentioned and fail not and have you then this warrant with your doings thereon timly

Dated in oxford this twenty eighteth day of November in the 34<sup>th</sup> year of his majestys reign georg the second

Duncan Campbell justice of peace

Worcester ss Dudley December y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1760

persuant to this above warrant to me directed I have warnd the freeholders and other inhabitants qualifyd by law to vote in town affairs to meet at the meeting house in dudley and on the day and clocke aforesd as above mentioned for the ends above specified

Joseph Burnul Constable of Dudley

Meeting at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 1760

- 1) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Sabin moderater for sd meeting
- 2) voted and reconsiderd the votes that where past at our last town meeting on Sep<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1760 relating to schooling
- 3) voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Healy m<sup>r</sup> mixer m<sup>r</sup> upham m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Vinton and m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Robinson for a committee to provide schooling till the money is expended thats now assest for schooling
- 4) voted that the inhabitants of Dudley on the west side of quinebog river shall draw there own school money thats now assest to expend amonge themselves in schooling

December y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1760 rates made and deliverd into the constables hands with warrents for colecting the same

Constable timothy Fosters province list	84-13-11- 3
and his minesters list	20-13- 1- 3
his wood list	3-10- 0- 2

his school list	14- 2- 7- 2
and his town and county list	10-10- 0- 1
and Constable Joseph Burnuls list for the province	95- 9- 6- 2
his list for the minesters rate	23-15-10- 2
his wood list	3-19- 5- 2
his school list	15-18- 7- 0
and his town and county list	11-17- 1- 2

Dudley February y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1761

Worcester ss to either of the constables of the town of  
Dudley Timothy Foster or Joseph Burnul greeting you are  
hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabi-  
tants of the town of Dudley qualifyd to vote in town affairs to  
meet at our meeting house in said town on monday the second  
day of march next at nine a clocke in the morning then  
and there to act upon the following articles

warrant

- 1) to chuse a moderater for sd meeting
- 2) to chuse town officers for the year insuing
- 3) to grant money for schooling and other nessisery chargs
- 4) to se if the town will agree to settle our school wards if  
not to chuse a committee
- 5) to se if the town will exept of a road or road which  
may then be laid before them
- 6) to se if the town will agree on some method for the  
mending of our highways and grant money to defray the  
charge thereof
- 7) to se if the town will allow swine to go at large
- 8) to chuse a committee to settle with treasurer upham and  
make report at may meeting and make due return of your  
proceedings as you will answer your default at the peril of the  
law in that case made and provided

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerke

By vertue of this warrant I have notifyd the inhabitants of

the town of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned  
Joseph Burnul      Constable

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town meeting      at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> day of march 1761

- 1) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Sabin moderater for sd meeting
- 2) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerke
- 3) voted to have five select men
- 4) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant select man and dismiss by a vote
- 5) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Sabin select man
- 6) voted Deacon Jon<sup>n</sup> Newell select man
- 7) voted m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Corbin select man
- 8) voted m<sup>r</sup> Silas Robinson select man
- 9) voted Ezra Conant select man
- 10) voted the select men to be assessers
- 11) voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Newell town treasurer
- 12) voted Joseph Edmunds jun<sup>r</sup> constable for y<sup>e</sup> west end and Joseph Burnul exep<sup>t</sup>ed in his room
- 13) voted job ruewe constable for the east end and Andrew white exep<sup>t</sup>ed in his room
- 14) voted Timothy Foster and Abijah Newell tything men
- 15) voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Healy sealer of waits and measurs
- 16) voted Joseph polly sealer of leather
- 17) voted Elezer putney and Eben<sup>r</sup> Edmunds jun<sup>r</sup> surveyers of highways
- 18) voted m<sup>r</sup> Benja<sup>n</sup> Kidder Elijah gore and Sam<sup>l</sup> Robinson surveyers of highways
- 19) voted m<sup>r</sup> Jacob Bradbery and m<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Healy fence vewers
- 20) voted that swine may go at large
- 21) voted Joseph putney and Fesenden hogreves
- 22) voted to have three wardens
- 23) voted Lef<sup>t</sup> Bradbery Lef<sup>t</sup> Curtis and m<sup>r</sup> phinehus mixer to be wardens

24) voted to have five schools this year Between quibog river and the east school ward one at the old school house by our meeting house one at or near Deacon Edmundses one at m<sup>r</sup> philip Corbins one at our school house near m<sup>r</sup> gores and one at the school house near m<sup>r</sup> Jacob Chamberlins

25) voted the select men to provide a schoolinge the year insuing and to devid our school money that may be granted for schooling most for the publicke benifit in schooling our children

26) voted by the town there axeptance of a highway from Chalton line at m<sup>r</sup> Fosdicks south line to the south end of m<sup>r</sup> mixers saw mill dame

27) voted 30-0-0 lawfull money for the mending of our highways in the same method they did last year labour at 0-3-0 a day from the firs of may to the last of September and then at 0-2-0 a day

28) voted that the first monday in march shall be our aneuel meeting for the future and that a notifikation set up at our meeting house shall be a sufficent warning for calling town meetings

29) voted insign Corbin Lef<sup>t</sup> marcy and m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Sabin jun<sup>r</sup> a committee to settle with treasurer upham and make report at may meeting

the town officers above mentioned have taken there oaths

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february 1761      a highway laid out by the select men of Dudley begining at a whit oake stub in the line Between Chalton and Dudley near the southwest corner of m<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> foskits land runing southerly to a whitoak tree markt from thence to a Blackoak tree markt from thence to a whitoak tree markt from thence to another whitoake tree markt from thence to a chesnut stadle markt from thence to a walnut stadle markt from thence to a small blackoak tree markt from thence to the south end of m<sup>r</sup> phinehus mixers sawmill dam and these sd markt trees all on the east side of sd road and sd road to be

two rod wide and in or near where the path is now trod and this above mentioned road was brought to our aneuel meeting in march 1761 and exepted by y<sup>e</sup> town

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warrant Worcester ss to either of the constables of the town of Dudley Andrew white or Joseph Burnul greeting you are hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifyd to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in Dudley on wednesday y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> day of may instent at two a clock after noone then and there to act upon the following articles

1) to chuse a moderater for sd meeting  
 2) to chuse a representative to represent our town at the great and general court to be holden at the court house in Boston on wednesday y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> of may instent

3) to se if the town will give the rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> gleason somthing more then his salery for the present year

4) to se if the town will do somthing towards finishing our meeting house

5) to grant such sune or sums of money for schooling and other nesisery uses as may be thought proper

6) to se if the town will agree that m<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>n</sup> Davis shall draw money out of our town treasury to purchase him a cove during the towns pleasure

7) to hear and exept the Committees report relating to there settlement with treasurer upham

8) to se if the town will do anything further relating to our old school house by our meeting house

and make due return of your proceedings as you will answer your defalt at the peril of the law

Dudley may y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1761 by order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerke

may y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1761

by vertue of this warrant I have notify the inhabitants of



Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned  
Andrew white      Constable

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at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on wednesday y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> day of may 1761 meeting

a vote being requested weather the town would send a Deputy and it past in y<sup>e</sup> negitive

- 1) voted m<sup>r</sup> Benja<sup>n</sup> Kidder moderater for sd meeting
  - 2) voted not to raise money to finish our meeting house
  - 3) voted not to raise money for schooling
  - 4) voted not to act any thinge relating to m<sup>r</sup> Davises affair concerning a cove
  - 5) voted not to act any thing relating to y<sup>e</sup> old school house by our meeting house
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April y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1761

the assessers of the town of Dudley personally appeard before me Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerke namly m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Corbin m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> fairbanks and m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Sabin jun<sup>r</sup> and tooke there oaths to the faithfull discharge of there office in taking an invoice for the general court

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Dudley may y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1761

Worcester ss      to either of the constables of the town of Dudley Andrew white or Joseph Burnul greeting      you are hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifyd to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on thirsday y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> day of june next at three a clocke after noone      then and there to act upon the following articles warrant

- 1) to chuse a moderater for sd meeting
- 2) to se if the town will do any thing towards finishing our meeting house and if they do to grant money to defray the charge thereof and also chuse a committee to procure the stuff and to gitt the worke done
- 3) to grant money for schooling and other nessisery charges and also chuse a committee to provide schooling and agree were and how the money shall be spente
- 4) and also that the committee that sold the old school house by our meeting house pay the money to those the house belonged to

and make due return of your proceedings as you will answer your defalt at the peril of the law

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant      Town Clerke

By vertue of this warrant I have notifid the inhabitants of the town of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned

Andrew white      Constable

meeting

at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on thirsday the 4<sup>th</sup> day of june 1761

- 1) vote m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Sabin moderatar for sd meeting
- 2) voted not to do any thinge towards finishing our meeting house at presente
- 3) voted to raise money for schooling
- 4) voted 30-0-0 lawfull money to defray the charge of schooling the present year
- 5) voted the select men a committee to provide schooling and to spend the money thats now granted for schooling a fifeth part thats now raisd Between quinebog river and the east school ward at the five placeses as the town agreed upon at our last march meeting a fifeth part at each of those placees
- 6) voted 6-0-0 lawfull money for nessisary charges

Dudley December 1761 rates made and deliverd into the constables hands with warrants for collecting the same

Constable Joseph Burrnuls list to the province rate	87 11-7-1
his list for the minesters rate	24-18-1-1
his list for the wood rate	4-10-8-1
his list for the school rate	17-10-2-0
and his list for the town and county rate	7-12-1-3
and his list for the meeting house rate	55- 2-1-0

Constable Andrew whites list for the province rate	70- 0-0-0
and his list for the minesters rate	19-16-0-0
his list for the wood rate	3-11-4-0
his list for the school rate	13- 8-2-2
and his list for the town and county rate	6- 1-0-1
and his list for the meeting house rate	44-10-5-1

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Dudley December y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1761

Worcester ss to either of the constables of the town of Dudley Andrew white or Joseph Burnul greeting you are hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifd to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on tusday y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> day of this instent at one a clock after noone then and there to act upon the following articles

warrant

- 1) to chuse a moderater for sd meeting
- 2) to se if the town will proceed to do any thing further to our meeting house either the inside or outside or both
- 3) and if they do proceed in the affair to chuse a committee to procure the stuff and to gitt the worke done
- 4) and to grant money to defray the charge thereof
- 5) to se in whate method y<sup>e</sup> the town will dispose of y<sup>e</sup> widow richs cloathing

and make due return of your proceedings as you will answer default at the peril of the law

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerke

*Dudley Town Records, 1761-2.*

Dudley December y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1761

By vertue of this warrant I have notifiyd the inhabitants of the town of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned

Andrew white      Constable

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meeting

at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on tusday y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> of December 1761

- 1) voted m<sup>r</sup> Benja<sup>n</sup> Kidder moderater for sd meeting
  - 2) voted to do sumthing further towards finishing our meeting house
  - 3) voted to shingle the rooffe of our meeting house and to claboard y<sup>e</sup> gable ends
  - 4) voted to finish the inside of our meeting house by lathing and plastering the walls and under the great beems
  - 5) voted three men for a committee to gitte the above sd work done to our meeting house namely m<sup>r</sup> phinehus mixer m<sup>r</sup> John tayler and m<sup>r</sup> will<sup>m</sup> Cartur and to se that the worke is well done
  - 6) voted 100-0-0 towards finishing our meeting house
  - 7) voted to give the widow richs cloathing to her daughter or daughters
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Dudley February y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1762

warrant

Worcester ss      to either of the constables of the town of Dudley Andrew white or Joseph Burnul greeting      you are hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifyd to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in said town on monday the first day of march next at nine a clocke in the morning      then and the to act upon the following articles

- 1) to chuse a moderater for sd meeting
- 2) to chuse town offiesers for the year insueinge

3) to chuse a committee to reckon with the town treasurer Cap<sup>t</sup> Newell and also to reckon with the school committees that were chose for the years 1759 and 1760

4) to se if y<sup>e</sup> town will except of the highways that have been laid out y<sup>e</sup> present year

5) to se if y<sup>e</sup> town will agree to move our meeting house to the center of the town or repair it in any other manner then hath been voted

and make due return of this warrant with your doing thereon as you will answer your default at the peril of the law

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerke

By vertue of this warrant I have notifyd the inhabitants of the town of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned

Andrew white Constable

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at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on monday y<sup>e</sup> first day of march 1762 meeting

1) voted Deacon Newell moderater for sd meeting

2) voted to have five select men

3) voted phinehus mixer select man

4) voted Sam<sup>l</sup> Corbin select man

5) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Kidder select man

6) voted Ezra Conant select man

7) voted Sam<sup>l</sup> Fairbanks select man

8) voted Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerke

9) voted and adjurnd this meeting to the house of m<sup>r</sup> will<sup>m</sup> Carturs in Dudley

10) voted the select men to be assessers

11) voted Joseph upham town treasurer

12) voted Andrew Coburn constable for the west end of the town

13) voted Nathan jefferds constable for the east end of the town

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- 14) voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Healy sealer of waits and measurs
  - 15) voted Sam<sup>n</sup> Kidder sealer of leather
  - 16) voted Lef<sup>t</sup> John Curtis culler of shingles
  - 17) voted David Stodder philip Corbin Joseph Healy Nathaniel Healy Cap<sup>t</sup> paul Robinson and Sam<sup>n</sup> Robinson surveyers of highways
  - 18) voted Timothy Foster and Sam<sup>n</sup> may fence vewers
  - 19) voted Daniel Newell and Steven Cartur hogrevs and that swine may go at large
  - 20) voted Eben<sup>r</sup> Davison and Sam<sup>n</sup> Fairbanks tything men
  - 21) voted Joseph upham Sam<sup>n</sup> Corbin and Joseph jewell jun<sup>r</sup> wardens
  - 22) voted Eben<sup>r</sup> Scott and Joseph Sabin jun<sup>r</sup> to take care of the Dear that thers no str ]
  - 23) voted Sam<sup>n</sup> may Sam<sup>n</sup> Fairbanks and jedediah marcy for a committee to recond with Cap<sup>t</sup> Newell town treasurer and with the school committees in the years 1759 and 1760 and to bring in there account at our next my meeting
  - 24) voted by the town there exceptance of a highway from Cap<sup>t</sup> paul Robinsons to timothy fosters were the foot bridge is over the french river
  - 25) voted not to move our meeting to the center by 39 to 14
  - 26) voted to repair our meeting where it now stands by 29 to 17
- note that the above named officers have taken there oaths as the law directs

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Dudley February y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>d</sup> 1762

a highway laid out by the select men of sd town begining at the north end of Cap<sup>t</sup> paul Robinsons house from thence about a west point acros sd Robinsons corn feild by the south side of a certin stone wall to the town road that gos from Brackits to Sam<sup>n</sup> Robinsons cornmill from thence north in sd road to Edward Curtises south line from thence westerly on the divition line Between John Stone and Edward Curtis



the whole of sd road hear to be on Stons land till it coms to sd Curtises southwest corner from thence about northwest to Jacob Bradbery line from thence about west to the east end of the foot bridge over the french river this road hear to be partly on Stons and partly on Bradbery land and so over the river and from the west end of sd bridge westerly on the old dam over the Brook from thence west northwest from thence to the east end of Timothy Fosters house and so to the road laid from there to our meeting house the whole of this road to be 2 rods wide all persons consenting that are concernd in sd road provided the subscribers fullfill there promise this road was brought to our anewell meeting in march 1762 and excepted by the town

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Worcester ss to eithere of the constables of the town of Dudley Andrew Coburn or Nathan jeffords greeting you warrant  
you are hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants of the the town of Dudley qualifyd to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on thirsday the 20<sup>th</sup> day of may instent at one a clocke after noone then and there to act upon the following articles

1) to chuse a representative to represent our town at the great and jeneral court to be holden at Boston on wedensday the 26<sup>th</sup> may instent

2) to chuse a moderater for sd meeting

3) to chuse a select man and also a warden in the roome of m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Corbin

4) to grant money for schooling and to agree in how many parts of the town sd money shall be expended

5) to grant money for mending our highways and how sd money shall be workt out and also to agree on sune method for repairing the bridges ovr quinibog river

6) to agree on sune method and to dispose of the pewes in our meeting house that are at the towns disposal as they shall think proper

*Dudley Town Records, 1762.*

7) to hear and grant any pition that may then be laid before the town

8) to hear the report of the committee that was chose to reckon with treasurer Sam<sup>l</sup> Newell and with the school com-mitee

and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon as you will answer your default at the peril of the law

Dudley may y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1762

By order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant      Town Clerke

By vertue of this warrant I have notifyd the inhabitants of the town of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned

Andrew Coburn      Constable

town meeting      at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on thirsday y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> day of may 1762      and it being askt wether they would send a representative to the general court and the people declind sending as not being ablidge by law to send

1) voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph upham moderater for sd meeting

2) voted m<sup>r</sup> Silas robinson a select man and assessor in the roome of insign Corbin

3) voted 30-0-0 lawfull money to defray y<sup>e</sup> charge of schooling this year

4) voted that the people on the west side quini bog river shall draw there own school money to expend among themselves and the east school ward to draw there own school money as before

and the rest of the school money to be expended in four other parts of the town equely as follows      one fourth part at or near Cap<sup>t</sup> Healys and one fourth part at the school house by insign Chamberlins and one fourth part at the school house between m<sup>r</sup> gores and Ezra Conants and the othere fourth part at m<sup>r</sup> philip Corbins or were they propose to build there school house

- 5) voted 40-0-0 for the mending of our highways
- 6) voted that labour at our highways shall be three shilling a day till the last of September and after that at two shillings a day
- 7) voted to dispose of those pewes which was m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Corbins and m<sup>r</sup> job ruewes
- 8) voted to m<sup>r</sup> phillip Corbin that pewe under the wemans stairs which was m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Corbins on the same footing the other pewes were disposed of he paying y<sup>e</sup> first cost
- 9) voted to m<sup>r</sup> Jacob Chamberline behind the west meeting house doore that was formerly Cap<sup>t</sup> Clement Corbins on the same footing the other pewes were disposd of he paying the first cost
- 10) voted to abate m<sup>r</sup> James Shafter and m<sup>r</sup> John Scott what there pols were assest at towards repairing our meeting house
- 11) voted and exepted the committees settlement with Cap<sup>t</sup> Newell town treasurer
- 12) voted to refer the committees account in settleing withe school committee to our next meeting

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Dudley Worcester ss      to either of the constables of the town of Dudley Andrew Coburn or Nathan jefferds greeting      you are hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifyd to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on wednesday y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> day of Sep<sup>r</sup> instante at three a clocke after noone      then and there to act upon the following articles

warrant

- 1) to chuse some meet person to be regester of Deeds and Conveyances of land for the county of Worcester in the roome of the honourable John Chandler Esq<sup>r</sup> late regester Deceast
- 2) to chuse a moderater for s<sup>d</sup> meeting
- 3) to se if the town will vote to pute the county rate into some other town rate
- 4) to see if the town will agree to set up a sign post near our meeting house whereon to post our notifications

*Dudley Town Records, 1762.*

and make due return of this warrant with your doing thereon  
as you will answer your neglect at the peril of the law

Dudley September y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>t</sup> 1762

By order of the select men Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerke

By vertue of this warrant I have notifyd the inhabitants of  
the town of Dudley to meet at time and place within mention

Andrew Coburn Constable

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meeting

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd town on the 15 day of September in 1762

- 1) voted m<sup>r</sup> Benja<sup>n</sup> Kidder moderater for sd meetinge
  - 2) voted to put our county rate into some other town rate
  - 3) voted to set up a sign post near our meeting house
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warrant

Worcester ss to either of the constables of the town of Dudley Andrew Coburn or Nathan jeffords greeting you are hearby requird forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants of the town of Dudley qualifd to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in sd town on monday the 25<sup>th</sup> day of october instent at 2 a clocke after noone then and there to act upon the following articles

- 1) to chuse a moderater for sd meeting
- 2) to se if the town will allow the committees accompt for finishing our meeting house
- 3) to se if the town will agree to collour our pulpit and the brest worke of our gallerys

and make due return of your doings thereon as you will answer your default at the peril of the law

by order of the select men

Benja<sup>n</sup> Conant Town Clerke

Dudley october y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1762

By virtue of this warrant I have notifyd the inhabitants to meet at time and place within mentioned

Andrew Coburn Constable

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at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in sd on monday y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> october 1762 meeting

1) voted and chose m<sup>r</sup> Benja<sup>n</sup> Kidder moderater for sd meeting

2) voted to adjurn this meetinge from our meeting house to m<sup>r</sup> will<sup>m</sup> Carturs

3) voted by the town there axceptance of the committees accompt as to the finishing our meeting house the cost 624-7-9 old tenor

4) voted to colour our pulpit the canopee and the brest work of our gallerys

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Dudley November 1762 rates made and deliverd into the constables hands with warrants for collecting the same

Constable Andrew Coburns list for the province rate 84-14-7-2

and his list for the ministers rate 24-1-0-0

his list for the wood rate 4-5-2-1

and his list for the school and county rates 17-18-6-2

Constable Nathan jefferds list for the province rates 72-10-2-2

his list for the minesters rate. 20-18-4-2

his list for the wood rate 3-15-1-1

and his list for the school and county rate 15-7-6-0

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Worcester ss to either of the constables of the town of Dudley Andrew Coburn or Nathan Jeffords Greeting you are hearby Required forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting house in said Town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 7 Day of March Next at Nine o Clock in y<sup>e</sup> morning then and there to act upon the following articles warrant

1) to chuse a moderator for said meeting

2ly) to chuse Town officer for the insuing year

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3ly) to Grant money for schooling & also to to chuse a Committee to provid schooling the insuing year

4ly) to see what the Town will do Respecting the bridges over Quinebog River

5ly) to grant money for meending our highways and to agree on what method sd money shall be work out

6ly) to Grant Money for Necessary uses

7ly) to hear the Report of the Committee that was chose to Reckon with y<sup>e</sup> school Committee

8ly) to hear and Grant anny Petitions that may then be laid fore the Town as far as they shall think proper

9ly) to see if the Town will allow Do<sup>r</sup> Waldrons accompt for Doctring the widow Jane Rich

10ly) to see if the Town will agree to pay M<sup>r</sup> Benja<sup>n</sup> Roth for the pew that was Ensign Sam<sup>l</sup> Corbins

and make Return of this warrant with your proceedings thereon as you will answer your defalt at the perrill of the law

Dudley Feb<sup>y</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 17 1763

Phinehus Mixer	} Selectmen
Benj <sup>n</sup> Kidder	
Sam <sup>ll</sup> Fairbank	
Silas Robinson	
Ezra Conant	

Worcester Ss In obedience to the within warrant I have Notified the inhabitants of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned

p<sup>r</sup> me Nathan Jeffords Constable of Dudley  
Dudley February y<sup>e</sup> 24 1763

Town meeting At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly Assembled at our meeting house in sd Town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 7 day of march 1763

1) Voted M<sup>r</sup> Benjn Kidder moderator for y<sup>e</sup> present meeting



- 2ly Voted to have five Selectmen
- 3ly Voted M<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>n</sup> Kidder Phinehas mixer Ezra Conant  
W<sup>m</sup> Carter & Sam<sup>l</sup> Fairbank Selectmen Dismisd Sam<sup>l</sup>  
Fearbank and chose Silas Robinson in his Rome
- 8 Voted the Select men to be Assessors
- 9 Voted Ezra Conant Town Clerk
- 10ly Voted M<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>n</sup> Kidder Town Treasurer
- 11ly Voted Sam<sup>l</sup> Farbank Constable for the east end of the  
Town
- 12 Voted Abijah Newell Constable for the west end of the  
Town
- 13 Voted Mr Eben<sup>r</sup> Bacon & Nathan Jefford Wardins for  
the year insuing
- 14ly Voted Lieut John Curtis Elkanah Day Elijah Gore  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Eames Tim<sup>o</sup> Foster & Benj<sup>n</sup> Dennis surveyors of highways  
Voted the surveyors of highways to be Collectors
- 15) Voted Eben<sup>r</sup> Scott Archibald Jewell and Eben<sup>r</sup> Child  
tithing men
- 16 Voted Nathan Jefford and Joseph Healey fence  
Viewers
- 17 Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Healey Sealer of weights & measures
- 18 Voted Sam<sup>l</sup> Kidder Sealer of Leather
- 19 Voted that swine go at large
- 20 Voted Benj<sup>n</sup> Dennis & Jacob Chamberlain Cutters of  
shingle and Claboards
- 21 Voted Eben<sup>r</sup> Scott Deer Reave
- 22 Voted 35 £ for schooling the preson year
- 23 Voted Lieut Curtis Sam<sup>l</sup> Robinson Elisha Corbin  
Nathaniel Healey Andrew Coburn & Joseph Healey a School  
Committee
- 24 Voted this meeting adjourned to monday the 14 Day of  
this instant march at twelve oclock then met and adjoerned  
to Wm Carters
- 25 Voted the bridge Near Cap<sup>t</sup> Edmunds to be compleated  
for a Cart bridge
- 26ly Voted 40 £ pounds for mending our highways y<sup>e</sup> pres-  
ent year

27ly Voted highway work at 3 shillings a day from the first of may Next to the last of Sep<sup>r</sup> after that at 2 shillings pr day

28 Voted not to accept Joseph Vintons accompts as a school committee

29 Voted to accept Capt Healey accompt

30 Voted to accept Treasurer Joseph Uphams accompt

31 Voted to accept Sam<sup>l</sup> Robinsons accompt

32 Voted not to accept Sam<sup>l</sup> Waldrons accompt

33 Voted not to pay M<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>n</sup> Roth for the pew that was M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Corbins

34 Voted to open the Road from Deacon Edmunds to the Colony Line as it hath bin Laid out

35 Vote to allow Sarah Curtises accompt for nursing M<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>n</sup> Putney Dec<sup>d</sup>

36 Voted not to allow Do<sup>r</sup> Garfield & Do<sup>r</sup> Gleasons accompt for Doctering M<sup>r</sup> Putney

37 Voted to allow Daniel Coburn 25 dollars towards his accompt for taking care of Phebe Chamberlain in her sickness

38 Voted 15£ for necessary uses

Note that the above named officers have all taken their oaths

Town meeting Worcester Ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley Sam<sup>l</sup> Fairbank or Abijah Newell Greeting you are hereby Required forthwith to warn or notify the several inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Dudley qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting honse in said Town on thirsday y<sup>e</sup> 12 day of May next at four O clock afternoon then and there to act upon the following articles

1) to chuse a moderater for said meeting

2) to chuse a representative to represent our Town at the Great & General Court to be holden at the Court House in Boston on Wednesday y<sup>e</sup> 25 day of May next

3) to chuse a Committee to oversee and order the building the bridge near Capt Edmundses over the river

4) to hear and grant any petition that may then be laid before the Town so far as the Town shall think proper  
and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon  
as you will answer your default at the peril of the law  
By order of the Select men

Ezra Conant Town Clerk

Dudley April y<sup>e</sup> 30 1763

By virtue of this warrant I have notified the inhabitants of  
Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned  
Abijah Newell Constable

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at a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Dudley reg- Town Meeting  
ulerly assembled at our meeting house on thursday the 12  
day of May 1763

- 1) No vote for a Deputy
- 2) Voted Deacon Newell moderater for the present meeting
- 3) Cap<sup>t</sup> Healey Cornet Bacon & Dor Elkanah Day a committee for building the bridge over the river near Capt Edmundses
- 4) Voted to abate M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Chubbs meeting house rate

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Worcester Ss to either of the Constables of y<sup>e</sup> Town of warrant  
Dudley Sam<sup>l</sup> Fairbank or Abijah Newell Greeting you  
are hereby required in his Majesties Name to warn or notify  
the several inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Dudley qualified to vote  
in Town affairs to meet at our meeting house in said Town on  
Tuesday the ninth day of August 1763 at 5 O clock after  
noon then and there to act upon the following articles

- 1) to chuse a moderator for said meeting
- 2) to see if the Town will accept of the persons draw<sup>d</sup> by  
the Selectmen to serve as jourors bothe at the Superior Court  
to be holden at Worcester for said county  
and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon

*Dudley Town Records, 1763.*

as you will answer your default at the peril of the law

By order of the Selectmen

Ezra Conant Town Clerk

Dudley August y<sup>e</sup> 1 1763

In obedience to y<sup>e</sup> within written warrant I have notifyd the inhabitants of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned.

Sam<sup>l</sup> Fairbank Constable

Town meeting At a meeting of the inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Dudley regularly assembled at our meeting house in said Town on Tuesday y<sup>e</sup> 9 day of August 1763

- 1) Vote M<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>n</sup> Kidder moderator for sd meeting
- 2) Voted & accepted of the persons whose names were the put into boxes for jourors

Perambulation between Woodstock and Dudley April 26 1763 Nath<sup>l</sup> Child one of the Selectmen of Woodstock & Eliphelet Carpenter by appointmen met Phinehas Mixer & Ezra Conant Selectmen of Dudley at the southwest corner of Dudley at a heap of stones in Ephraim Bacons stone wall formerly Eliphelet Carpenters hedge fence 2<sup>d</sup> to a white oak tree mark<sup>d</sup> and stones about it west of Capt Edmundses 3<sup>d</sup> a white oak tree mark & stones about it it being Woodstock north east corner 4<sup>th</sup> a white oak with stones about it to the west of s<sup>d</sup> corner 5<sup>th</sup> a hemlock tree in a swamp 6<sup>th</sup> a stake & stones near Brackits 7 a stake & heap of stones a little S:E of Andrew Coburns on a sid hill 8 a poplar stump with stones about it to the west of s<sup>d</sup> Coburns 9 a white oak stump & stones west of a small run in a hedge fence 10 a heap of stones in Na<sup>th</sup> Bacons fence 11 a heap of stones near a chestnut tree 12 a heap

of stones near a path      13 a large heap of stones near a large  
white pine tree which is the sothwest corner of Dudley

Nath <sup>l</sup> Child	}	Selectmen
Eliphelet Carpenter		of
by appointment	}	Woodstock
Phinehas Mixer		Selectmen
Ezra Conant	}	of
		Dudley

We the subscribers met on the 3 day of May 1763 & perambulated the line between Oxford and Dudley begining at a maple tree with stones about it near where the brook runs out of the great pond to M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Robinsons mill & renu<sup>d</sup> the bounds from thence to Dudley north east corner which hath bin establish<sup>d</sup> from time to time and erected sundry new bounds with the help of the surveyor

Eph <sup>m</sup> Ballard	}	Selectmen
Eben <sup>r</sup> Learned		of
	}	Oxford
Benj <sup>n</sup> Kidder		Selectmen
Ezra Conant	}	of
		Dudley

We the subscribers according to a notifikation given met on the 9 day of May 1763 and perambulated & Renu<sup>d</sup> the bounds between Dudley & Charlton begining at a heap of stones in the north line of Dudley it being the sotheast corner of Charlton thence westerly to a black oak thence to a white oak then to a white oak being M<sup>r</sup> Josiph Uphams N:E corner then to a maple in a swamp then to a white oak then to pitch pine with stones about it then to a white oak on the east side M<sup>r</sup> Pierponts meddow then to a white oak then to a red oak in s<sup>d</sup> Pierponts wall then to a white oak then to a heap of stones near a red oak tree then to a great red oak south of M<sup>r</sup> Foskitts then to a walnut tree then to a stump with stones about then to a white & black oak together then to a red oak on the

east side of the great pond then to a gray oak on W: side of y<sup>e</sup> pond then to a chestnut tree then to a great black oak on the east sid of the little pond then to a white oak on the west side of s<sup>d</sup> pond then to a white oak on the west side of the swamp then to a heap of stones soth of M<sup>r</sup> Bloods then to a heap of stones on a rock then to a white oak south of Isaiah Bloods land then to a walnut tree in Eleazer Putneys north line from thence to a white oak then to a stake and stones then to a white oak with stones about it on the hill N: of M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Sabinses then to a black oak then to a heap of stones by a crotched red oak then to a large white pine near where trout brook enters into the river then to a heap of stones on the side hill on the west sid of the river then to a white oak tree then to a white oak then to a walnut tree then to a white oak then to a small white oak west of a ledge of rocks then to a heap of stones which is Dudley north west corner and Charlton south west corner

John Dresser	}	Selectmen
Edward Chamberlain		of
Daniel Williams		Cherlton

Phinehas Mixer	}	Selectmen
Ezra Conant		of Dudley

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On the 17 day of May 1763 the Selectmen of Sturbridge and Dudley met and perambulated the lines between said Towns begining at a heap of stones which is Dudley N:W corner then run S: 2:° 20m E to the great moniment being Oxford old S:W: corner then E: 8:° 15N to a larg white oak then S: 8:° 30m E 400 rods to Woodstock line to a large heap of stones near a large white pine tree and found bounds every 20



rods on the last line which is suppos<sup>d</sup> to be the west line of Vintons farm

Phinehas Mixer } Selectmen of  
William Carter } Dudley

Ezra Conant Surveyer

Sam<sup>l</sup> Freeman }  
Daniel Fisk } Selectmen of  
Ezekiel Upham } Sturbridge

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the persons hereafter mentioned mooved out of Smithfield in Rhod Island government into our Town in the year 1769 viz Caleb Smith and his wife Martha Smith and their children Patience & William Shadrick Russel & Caleb—and Samuel Cook and his wife Sarah Cook and their children Juday Joseph Tamer Lydia Eli & Sarah and Suruiah Sayls

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Dudley March y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1768      then I the subscriber having Received one pound four shillings in full of my Right for my labour a building of that pue on the east side ef the pulpett in the meeting house in Dudley I quit my Right to Edward Davis of Dudley      as witness my hand

Ebenezer Edmunds

Ebenezer Edmunds Jun<sup>r</sup>  
Cornelius White

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Worcester ss      to either of Constable of the Town of Dudley Sam<sup>l</sup> Fairbank or Abijah Newell Greeting      you are hereby Required forthwith to warn or Notify the several inhabitants of the Town of Dudley qualified to Vote in Town

Warrant

affairs to meet at our meeting house in said Town on Wednesday y<sup>e</sup> 23 Day of November courant at three oClock after noon then and there to act upon the following article

- 1) to Chuse a moderator for said meeting
- 2) to see what addition the Town will make to y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Gleasons salery
- 3) to see if the Town will agree to send a petition to the General Court for a committee to establish the line at the east end of our Town

4) to hear and allow any accompts that may then be laid before the Town if they think proper

and make Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon as you will answer your Neglect at the peril of y<sup>e</sup> Law

By order of y<sup>e</sup> Select men

Ezra Conant Town Clerk

Return

Dudley November y<sup>e</sup> 23 :1763

In obedience to this warrant I have Notified the inhabitants of this Town to meet at time and place within mentioned

pr me Abijah Newell Constable

Town meeting at a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting house in said Town on wednesday 23 November 1763

1) Voted Deacon Jonathan Newell moderator for said meeting

Mr gleasons  
grant

2) Voted to add so much to y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Gleasons salery as to make the whole £53 6 8

3) Voted to do nothing Respecting the east bound of our Town

4) Voted not to allow any accompts at present for Do<sup>r</sup> Phebe Chamberlain

Rates made made and Deliver<sup>d</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> Constables of Dudley  
Decem<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 2 : 1763      Viz

Constable Fairbanks Province List	£48	4	9¼
his minister Rate	24	5	2¾
Wood rate	3	13	7½
School Rate	16	0	6¾
Town & County Rate	8	12	11½
Constable Newells Province List	56	14	2¾
his minister Rate	28	5	9½
Wood Rate	4	1	5¼
School Rate	18	17	1¾
Town & County Rate	19	1	5¼

Worcester ss      To Either of the Constables of the Town  
of Dudley Sam<sup>l</sup> Fairbank or Abijah Newell Greeting      you  
are hereby Required forthwith to Warn or Notify the several  
Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Qulified to Vote in Town  
affairs to meet at our meeting house in said Town on monday  
y<sup>e</sup> 5 Day of march Next at 9 oClock in the morning      then  
and there to act upon the following articles

warrant

- 1) to Chuse a moderator for said meeting
- 2) to Chuse Town officers for the insuing Year
- 3) to see what money the Town will grant for mending  
our high ways and in what method the same shall be workt out
- 4) to see if the Town will agree that Swine may go at Large  
this Year

5) to if the Town will Discontinue the Road between  
Dec<sup>n</sup> Jacob Bradburies & John Stones and also accept of any  
other Road that may then be Laid before the Town

6) to hear and Answer any Petition or Petitions that may  
then be laid before the Town

7) to see if the Town will accept of the Road as it is Now  
trod through Capt Sam<sup>l</sup> Newells Land and Discontinue part  
of the Road as it was formerly Laid out

Hereof fail not as You will Answer your Default at the peril

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of y<sup>e</sup> Law      Given under our hand at Dudley this 14 day of  
March 1764

Return made by Sam<sup>l</sup> Fairbank Constable

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Town meeting    at A meeting of y<sup>e</sup> inhabitants of the Town of Dudley regularly Assembled at our meeting house in said Town on monday ye 5 day of march 1764

- 1) Voted Phinehas Mixer moderator for said meeting
- 2) Voted Ezra Conant Town Clerk
- 3) Voted to have 5 Select men
- 4) Voted Phinehas Mixer Sam<sup>l</sup> Fairbank W<sup>m</sup> Carter Joshua Vinton & Sam<sup>l</sup> Robinson Select men
- 5) Voted the Selectmen to be Assessors
- 6) Voted Benj<sup>n</sup> Kidder Town Treasurer
- 7) Voted Joseph Healey west end Constable
- 8) Voted Joshua Wetherel est end Constable
- 9) Voted Philip Corbin & Joseph Sabin Jun<sup>r</sup> Wardins
- 10) Voted Elijah Gore and Andrew White Tithing men
- 11) Voted Jacob Bradbury Nathan Jeffords Andrew Coburn Jun<sup>r</sup> Jacob Chamberlain Elisha Corbin & Thomas Gould Surveyors of highways
- 12) Voted Capt Joshna Healey Seler of weights & measures
- 13) Voted Sam<sup>l</sup> Kidder Sealer of Leather
- 14) Voted Silas Robinson & Benj<sup>n</sup> Dennis Cullers of shingles clabords
- 15) Voted Jedediah Marcy & Elisha Corbin fence Viewers
- 16) Voted Eben<sup>r</sup> Scott Deer Reif
- 17) Voted Benj<sup>n</sup> Dennis & Stephen Carter Cullars of hoops and Staves
- 18) Voted Ephraim Corbin & Eben<sup>r</sup> Bacon Jn<sup>r</sup> hog Reivs
- 19) Voted to raise 40 £ for mending our highways
- 18) Voted Labour to be at 0:2:6 pr Day from the first of April to Last of Sep<sup>t</sup>
- 19) Voted that Swine may Run at Large

20) Voted to Discontinue the Road between Jacob Bradburies & John Stones

21) Vote to accept the Road that is Laid out though John Brackitts & John Stones Land

22) Voted to Give M<sup>r</sup> Robins of Douglas £1 :0 :0 for taking Care of Phebe Chamberlain part of her Last Sickness

23) Voted not allow M : D Greens accompts for Doctering Phebe Chamberlain

24) Voted to Discontinue the Road as it was formerly Laid and accept it as it Now trod from Capt Sam<sup>l</sup> Newells to Daniel Newells

25) Voted to discontinue the Road as it was formerly Laid and accept it as it is Now trod from Silas Robinsons to Noah Halls

Paul Robinson hath Enter<sup>d</sup> his Decent against the proceedings of the within meeting

The Officers within mention<sup>d</sup> have all taken their oaths Except Philip Corbin & Elijah Gore

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A highway Laid out and accepted by the Town begining at the West End of the Lane that Comes from Paul Robinsons to John Brackitts and Runs 46 Rods a straight Course on said Brackitts Land partly on Land that Brackit purchased of Amidown then Runing upon Mr Stones Land about 3 or 4 Rods then W : N : W a Crost an old field from thence N : N : W in the most convenient place on the Brow of the hill till Comes to Deacon Bradburies Land then west on Dea<sup>n</sup> Bradburies Land till it Comes to the bridge the whole of the Road to be 2 Rods wide

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Worcester ss to Joseph Healey one of the Constables of Dudley Greeting

In his Majesties Name you are Required to warn Eben<sup>r</sup>

Searls & Hannah Searls his wife so called to Depart the Town of Dudley forthwith they being Stagling persons and Residing in said Dudley at the House of Eben<sup>r</sup> Griggsses and you are also Required to make Return of this warrant and your Doings thereon to us the Subscribers as soon as may be given under our hands and seal at Dudley afforesaid this 5 Day of April 1764

persuant to the within written I have made Dilligent Search for the with named Eben<sup>r</sup> Searls and he is not to be found I have warnd the within Named Hannah Searls to Depart out of Dudley forthwith

Joseph Healey      Constable

Dudley April y<sup>e</sup> 5 :1764

Warrant

Worcester ss      To Joseph Healey one of the Constables of the Town of Duley in the County of Worcester greeting you are in his Majesties Name Required forthwith to warn or Notify the severall inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting house in said Town on monday the 16 day of April instant at three O Clock after noon then and there to act upon the following articles

- 1) to chuse a moderator for said meeting
  - 2) to See if the Town will grant Daniel Coburn a further Consideration for taking Care of Phebe Chamberlain when sick
  - 3) to See if the Town will Excuse Philip Corbin & Elijah Gore from paying their fines for Refusing to Serve in the offices where to they have bin Chosen
  - 4) to See if the Town will agree and Chuse other persons to Serve in the Rome of M<sup>r</sup> Corbin & Gore
  - 5) to hear and grant any petition or petitions that may then be Laid before them if they shall think fit
- hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with your



doing hereon as you will answer your Default at the peril of  
y<sup>e</sup> Law

Dated at Dudley y<sup>e</sup> 2 Day of April AD 1764

Phinehas Mixer	} Select men of Dudley
Joshua Vinton	
Sam <sup>l</sup> Robinson	

Persuent to the within written I have Notified the inhabitants of the Town of Dudley to meet at time and place within  
mention<sup>d</sup>

Pr Joshua wetherel Constable  
Dudley April 16:1764

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Town meeting  
Assembled at our meeting house in said Dudley on monday  
the 16 day of April AD 1764

- 1) Voted M<sup>r</sup> Benjn Kidder moderator
  - 2) Voted Not to allow Daniel Coburn a further Consideration for taking Care of Phebe Chamberlain when sick
  - 3) Voted to Dismiss Philip Corbin & Chose Benj<sup>n</sup> Dennis to Serve in his Rome
  - 4) Voted to Dismis Elijah gore & Chose Jonathan Hibberd in his Rome
  - 5) Voted to allow Timothy Foster £o:13:0 out of the highway Rate for his Repairing the great bridge the Last year
- the above Named Benj<sup>n</sup> Dennis & Jonathan Hibberd have taken their oaths

Worcester ss	To Joshua Wetherel one of the Constables	Warrant
of the Town in s <sup>d</sup> County greeting	In his Majesties Name	
you are hereby Required forthwith to warn or Notify the several Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Duly Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting house in s <sup>d</sup> Town on Wednesday the 23 Day of May Instant at 2 o Clock after		

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Noon then and there to act upon the following articles

- 1) to Chuse a Representative to Serve at the great and general Court to be holden at Concord
  - 2) to Chuse a moderator for Said meeting
  - 3) to See what money the Town will grant to Defray the Charge of Schooling for the present Year
  - 4) to See if the Town will Chuse a Committee to provid Schooling for the present Year
  - 5) to Chuse a Surveyer of wheat and flour
- hereof fail not as you will Answer your your Default and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon given under our hands this 15 Day of May AD 1764

Phinehas Mixer	} Select men
Sam <sup>l</sup> Fairbank	
Sam <sup>l</sup> Robinson	
Joshua Vinton	

In obedience I have Notified the inhabitants of this Town of Dudley to meet at Time and place within mention<sup>d</sup>

p<sup>r</sup> Joshua Wetherel Constable

Dudley May y<sup>e</sup> 23 : 1764

meeting

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly Assembled at our meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Town on Wednesday y<sup>e</sup> 23 day of May 1764

- 1) no Duputy Chose
- 2) Chose M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Upham moderator
- 3) Voted 35 £ for Schooling
- 4) Paul Robinson Abijah Newell Jedidiah Marcy Thomas Sawyer Daniel Newell & Sam<sup>l</sup> Eames a Committee to provid Schooling for the present year
- 5) Voted Eben<sup>r</sup> Bacon Surveyer wheet & flower

Worcester ss to Either of the Constables of the Town of

Dudley Joseph Healey or Joshua Wetherel Greeting you are hereby Required forthwith to warn or Notify the Several inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting house in said Town on monday the Seventh Day of Jan<sup>y</sup> Next at two o Clock after Noon then and there to act upon the following Articles

- 1) to Chuse a moderator for said meeting
  - 2) to grant money for Necessary uses
- and make Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon as you will answer you Default at the peril of the Law  
By order of the Select men

Ezra Conant      Town Clerk

Dudley Decem<sup>r</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1764

In obedience to the above warrant I have Notified the inhabitants of Dudley to meet at Time and place within mentiond

Joseph Healey      Constable

Dudley Jan<sup>r</sup> 7 : 1765

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At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at at our meeting house in Said on monday the 7 Day of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1765

- 1) Voted M<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Mixer Moderator for Said meeting
  - 2) Voted to adjourn the meeting to monday the 14 of this instant Jan<sup>y</sup> 1765 and then met
  - 3) adjourned to W<sup>m</sup> Carters
  - 4) Voted Nine pounds for Necessary uses
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February 12<sup>th</sup> 1765.      Then received Ten pounds in full of my Salary, and Wood-Rate to the First day of March 1764.

P<sup>r</sup>      Charles Gleason

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Rates made and Deliver:<sup>d</sup> to the Constables of Dudley  
Decem<sup>r</sup> 1764

Province Rate for the west end of y <sup>e</sup> Town	£ 58	8	10:3
Province Rate for the east end of y <sup>e</sup> Town is	46	7	7:3
Ministers Rate for the west end of the Town is	28	15	11:1
Wood Rate for the west end end	4	18	2:2
Ministers Rate for the east end	24	11	0:3
Wood Rate for the east end	3	16	10:2
School Rate for the west end	19	8	2:1
County Rate for the west end	2	18	
School Rate for the east end	15	13	9:1
County Rate for the east end	2	16	11:1
Town Rate for the west end	5	0	1
Town Rate for the east end	4	0	1

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Warrant

Worcester ss            to Joshua Wetherel one of the Constables  
of Dudley in Said County Greeting            you are hereby Re-  
quired in his Majesties Name forthwith to warn or Notify the  
Several Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley qualified to vote in  
Town affairs to meet at our meeting house in said Dudley on  
monday the 4 Day of March Next at Nine o Clock in the  
morning            the and there to act upon the following articles  
viz

- 1) to Chuse a moderator for said meeting
- 2) to Chuse town officers for the insuing year as the Law  
Directs
- 3) to See if the Town agree to let their Swine go a large
- 4) to See what Sum or Sums of money the Town will  
grant for mending our highways the insuing Year
- 5) to See what Sum or Sums of money the Town will  
grant for Necessary uses the insuing Year
- 6) for the Town to hear and grant any petitions that may  
then be laid before them as shall think fitt when met  
hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with  
your Doings thereon as you will Answer your Default at the

peril of the Law given under our hand at Dudley

Dudley the 12 Day of Feb<sup>ry</sup> AD 1765

Phinehas Mixer	} Select men
Sam <sup>l</sup> Fairbank	
W <sup>m</sup> Carter	
Sam <sup>l</sup> Robinson	

Worcester ss In obedience to this warrant I have Notify<sup>d</sup>  
the inhabitants of Dudley to meet at Time and place within  
mention<sup>d</sup>

Joshua Wetherel Constable of Dudley

March y<sup>e</sup> 4:1765

at a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Dudley  
Qualified to Vote in Town affairs March 4:1765

meeting

- 1) Voted Phinehas Mixer moderator
- 2) Voted Ezra Conant Town Clerk
- 3) Voted to have five select men
- 4) Voted Phinehas Mixer first select man
- 5) Voted Ezra Conant second select man
- 6) Voted Sam<sup>l</sup> Fairbank third select man
- 7) Voted W<sup>m</sup> Carter 4 select man
- 8) Voted Abijah Newell 5 select man
- 9) Voted the select men to be Assessors
- 10) Voted Jedediah Marcy Town Treasurer
- 11) Voted Philip Newell junr west Constable
- 12) Voted Edward Curtis east end Constable
- 13) Voted Joseph Vinton & Elisha Corbin Wardens
- 14) Voted Philip Corbin and Nathaniel Healey Tithing men
- 15) Voted Joseph Vinton Nathan Dennis Sam<sup>l</sup> Eames John  
Brack and Joseph Edmunds Jun<sup>r</sup> surveyors of highways
- 16) Voted the Surveyors to be Collectors
- 17) Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Joshua Healy sealer of weights and measurs
- 18) Sam<sup>l</sup> Kidder sealer of Leather
- 19) Voted Joshua Wetherel Culler of Shingles and Claboards  
Shingles
- 20) Voted Elisha Corbin and Joseph Sabin Jun<sup>r</sup> fence  
Viewers

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- 21) Voted Sam<sup>l</sup> Robinson and Eben<sup>r</sup> Scott Deer Rieves
- 22) Voted Josiah Conant Cullar of Staves and hoops
- 23) Voted Noah Hall and Isaac Chase hog Rieves
- 24) Voted Eben<sup>r</sup> Bacon Survey of wheet and four
- 25) Voted that Swine go at Large this Year
- 26) Voted 40 £ for mending our highways this Year
- 27) Voted 8 £ for Necessary uses

The above Named Officers have taken their Respective oaths

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Warrant

Worcester ss      to either of the Constables of the Town of  
 Dudley Philip Newell Jun<sup>r</sup> or Edward Curtis Greeting    you  
 are hereby Required in his Majesties Name forthwith to warn  
 or Notify the Several inhabitants of Said Dudley Qualified to  
 Vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting House in Said  
 Town on monday the eighteenth Day of March instant at one  
 o Clock after Noon      then and there to act upon the follow-  
 ing articles

- 1) to Chuse a moderator for said meeting
- 2)ly to See if the Town will agree to purchas the Indian  
 Land of Edward Davis Esq<sup>r</sup> on his proposals or otherwise as  
 my may be agreed on      and if the Town Shall agree to pur-  
 chas the Same then to grant Money to Defray the Charge there  
 of and act in all Causes Respecting Said Land as the Town  
 Shall See fitt when met

hear of fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with  
 your Doings thereon as you answer your Default at the peril  
 of the Law      given under our hands & Seal at Dudley this 5  
 Day of March AD 1765

Phinhas Mixer	}	Select men
Ezra Conant		
Sam <sup>l</sup> Fairbank		
W <sup>m</sup> Carter		

Worcester ss      Dudley March y<sup>e</sup> 18:1765      In obedience  
 to this warrant I have Notified the Several Inhabitants of the



Town Dudley Qulified to vote in Town affair to meet at time  
place within mentiond

p<sup>r</sup> me      Edward Curtis      Constable of Dudley

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at a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley  
Regularly assembled at our meet house In Said Town on  
mond the eighteenth Day of march 1765

meeting

- 1) Voted Phinehas Mixer moderator for Said meeting
  - 2) Voted not to purchas the Indian Land of Edward  
Davis Esq<sup>r</sup>
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Worcester ss      to either of the Constables of the Town of  
Dudley Philip Newell Jun<sup>r</sup> or Edward Curtis Greeting      In  
his Majesties Name you are hereby Required forthwith to  
warn or notify the Several inhabitants of the Town of Dudley  
Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting  
House in S<sup>d</sup> Dudley on Tuesday the 21 Day of May Instant  
at two O clock after noon      the and there to act upon the  
following articles

Warrant

1) to Chuse a Representative to Serve for and Represent  
our Town at the great and general Court to be holden at the  
Court house in Boston on wednesday the 29 Day of May in-  
stant

2)ly to Chuse a moderator for S<sup>d</sup> meeting

3ly to See what Sum or Sums of money the Town will  
grant to Defray the Charge of Schooling the present Year

4ly to See at what price p<sup>r</sup> Day the Town will agree that  
our highway Rate shall be work<sup>t</sup> out the present Year

5ly to See if the Town will hear and grant any petition  
that may then be Laid before them

here of fail not and make Return of this warrant with Your  
Doings there on as you will answer your Default at the peril  
of the Law      given under our hands and Seal at Dudley  
this Sixth Day of May AD 1765

In obedience to this warrant I have Notified the Inhabitants

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the Town that are Duly qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at Time and place within mention<sup>d</sup>

p<sup>r</sup> Edward Curtis Constable of Dudley

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Town meeting At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting house in S<sup>d</sup> Town on Tuesday the 21 Day of May AD 1765

1) Elected no person to Represen our Town at the great and general Court to be holden at Boston the present Year

2ly Voted M<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Mixer moderator for Said meeting

3ly Voted 30<sup>s</sup> to Defray the Charge of Schooling the present Year

4ly Voted that our highway Rate be workt out at 2 / 6 p<sup>r</sup> Day till the Last of August and after that at 1 / 6 p<sup>r</sup> Day

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Dudley November 1765 Rates made and Deliverd to the Constables of Said Town

Constable Philip Newell Province List is	£59	5	4½
his ministers List is	27	10	0¼
his wood list	4	1	2¾
his School List is	16	6	9¾
his Town & County List	7	9	10½
Constable Curtis's Province List is	53	7	3¾
his minister	26	6	2
his wood List	4	1	5¼
his School List is	14	4	0¾
his Town & County List	6	5	8½

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Worcester ss to Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley Philip Newell Jun<sup>r</sup> or Edward Curtis greet-  
ing you are hereby Required in his Majesties Name to

Warn or Notify the Severall inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Qualified Vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting house in said Town on monday the third Day of March next at 9 o Clock in the morning then and there to act upon the following articles

- 1) to Chuse a moderator for Said meeting
- 2) to Chuse Town officers for the insuing Year
- 3) to Grant money for mending our highways and agree in what manner the Same Shall be work out
- 4) to grant money to Defray the Charge of Schooling the insuing Year.
- 5) to hear and grant any Petition that may then be laid before the Town as far as may be thought fitt
- 6) to See if the Town will agree that their Swine may go at Large
- 7) to Chuse a Rigester of Deeds for the County of Worcester
- 8) to accept of any Roads that have bin Laid out the Year past

And make Return of this Warrant with Your Doings hereon as you will answer your Default at the peril of the Law given under our hands & Seal at Dudley this 10 Day of Feb<sup>ry</sup> AD 1766

Phinehas Mixer	}	Selectmen
W <sup>m</sup> Carter		
Abijah Newell		

In Obediance to the foregoing warrant I have Notified the Inhabitants of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned

p<sup>r</sup> me Philip Newell Constable

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting house in Said Town on monday the third day of march AD 1766

- 1) Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> John Curtis moderator for Said meeting

- 2) Voted Ezra Conant Town Clerk
- 3) Voted to have 5 select men
- 4) Voted Joseph Upham 1 select man
- 5) Voted abijah Newell 2 select man
- 6) Voted Joseph Sabin Jun<sup>r</sup> 3 select man
- 7) Voted And<sup>r</sup> White 4 select man
- 8) Voted Elkanah Day 5 select man
- 9) Voted the select men to be Assessors
- 10) Voted Jedidiah Marcy Town Treasurer
- 11) Voted Eleazer Putney Constable for the west end of the Town
- 12) Voted W<sup>m</sup> Wakefield Constable for the east end of the Town
- 13) Voted Jacob Chamber<sup>n</sup> and Sam<sup>l</sup> Lamb Wardens
- 14) Voted Archibald Jewell & Sam<sup>l</sup> Eames Tithing men
- 15) Voted W<sup>m</sup> Carter Elijah Gore Joseph Sabin Jun<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Healey and Edward Curtis Surveyors of highways
- 16) Voted the Surveys to be Collectors
- 17) Voted Philip Corbin and Archibald Jewell fence Viewers
- 18) Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Joshua Healey Sealer of weights and measures
- 19) Voted Sam<sup>l</sup> Lamb Sealer of Leather
- 20) Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> John Curtis Culler of Shillings and Clabords
- 21) Voted Jacob Chamberlan Surveyor of wheet
- 22) Voted Josiah Conant Culler of Staves
- 23) Voted Eben<sup>r</sup> Scott Deer Rief
- 24) Voted Josiah Conant & Lemuel Corbin hog Rieves
- 25) Voted that Swine may go at Large
- 26) Voted 50 £ for mending our highways
- 27) Voted that the highway Rate be workt out at 3 shillings p<sup>r</sup> Day— and to be workt out by the Last of Sept next
- 28) Voted 40 £ to Defray the Charge of Schooling
- 29) Voted to abate Joseph Bakers Rates that are in Constable Andrew Coburns hands John Coburns Rates that are Joseph Healeys hands

30) Voted to allow Cap<sup>t</sup> Heleys accompt for Service Done  
at the great Bridge Sum total is 3 1 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

31) Voted to allow M<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Bacons accompt for Service  
Done at Said Bridge near Cap<sup>t</sup> Edmunds Sum total  
is 1 13 10

32) Voted to Allow D<sup>r</sup> Elkanah Days accompt for Service  
Done at the Bridge near Cap<sup>t</sup> Edmundses total 1 6 3

33) Voted to allow And<sup>r</sup> Coburn for 600 feet of plank De-  
liver at the above Said Bridge 1 11 6

34) Voted that Sam<sup>ll</sup> Kidder & Philip Newell Jun<sup>r</sup> be Dis-  
charg<sup>d</sup> from all highway Rates the present Year

35) Voted to allow Ezra Green Esq for three Sticks of  
timber Cut on his Land for the great Bridge 0 4 0

36) Voted to accept the Road Laid out from Ensign Fosters  
a Cross by Lieu<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup> Fairbanks to the Road that goes from  
M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Humphreys to m<sup>r</sup> Robinsons mill as is hereafter  
Discribd

the above Named<sup>r</sup> officer have taken ther Respective Oaths  
Except W<sup>m</sup> Wakefield & Lem<sup>ll</sup> Corbin

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A highway Laid out by the Select men of Dudley and ac-  
cepted by the Town—begining at the Town Road a little  
above Ensign Fosters house at a Black oak tree markt then  
Extending Easterly by the South Side of Said Fairbanks house  
then turning about n:E to a Certain Dug-way a wall being on  
the East Side of S<sup>d</sup> way So Extending as the way is now trod  
to a Certain Brook from thence assending a hill to a white oak  
tree markt being west of the N: from where it Crosses the  
Brook then extending N: to the Edge of a pine hill and  
then turning westerly till it Reaches m<sup>r</sup> Humphreys Land then  
Extend near north to a Road formerly Laid out from Dudley  
meeting house to Robinson mill

Laid out Feb<sup>ry</sup> AD 1766

Ezra Conant	}	Selectmen
W <sup>m</sup> Carter		
Sam <sup>ll</sup> Fairbank		

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*Dudley Town Records, 1766.*

Constable Edward Curtis      In his Majesties Name you are hereby Required forthwith to Warn Richard More & Margaret More his Wife & Mary his Daughter & Jonathan Williams Isaac Leavens & Mehitabel his wife & Serviah his Daughter forthwith to Depart out of this Town of Dudley

and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings hereon to our Seves the Subscribers forthwith

Dudley March y<sup>e</sup> 11 1766

Fee 0:9:4

Joseph Upham	}	Selectmen
Abijah Newell		
Joseph Sabin jun <sup>r</sup>		
Elkanah Day		
Andrew White		

Worcester ss      By Virtue of this Warrant I have Warn<sup>d</sup> the Several persons within Named to Depart out of this Town forthwith

p<sup>r</sup> me      Edward Curtis      Constable for Dudley

Constable Edward Curtis      you are hereby forthwith Required in his Majesties Name to warn all those persons hereafter mentioned forthwith to Depart out of this Town of Dudley (viz) Andrew Brown & his Wife Anna Brown and his Children John Philip William James Charles Esther Nansey & Hannah

and make Due Return of this warrant with your proceedings therein to us the Subscribers forthwith as you will answer your Default at the peril of the Law

Dudley March y<sup>e</sup> 11 :1766

Fee £0:14:4

Joseph Upham	}	Selectmen
Abijah Newell		
Joseph Sabin Jun <sup>r</sup>		
Andrew White		
Elkanah Day		

Worcester ss      By Virtue of this writ I have Warned the



Several persons within Named forthwith to Depart out of this Town

p<sup>r</sup> me      Edward Curtis      Constable for Dudley

Constable Eleazer Putney      you are hereby Required in his Majesties Name forthwith to warn all those persons hereafter mentioned forthwith to Depart out of this Town of Dudley (viz) John Wiley & his Wife Susannah Wiley and his Children Aldridg Wiley Joseph & Benj<sup>n</sup> Wiley & Mary Dodge Rachel Fling Sam<sup>l</sup> More & Zeruah his Wife Joseph Leavens & Ezra their Children and Susannah Stoddard & William & Betty Wiley

and make Due Return of this Warrant with your proceedings therein to us the Subscribers hereof without fail forthwith to us as you will answer your Default at the peril of the Law

Dudley March y<sup>e</sup> 16:1766

Joseph Upham	}	Selectmen
Abijah Newell		
Joseph Sabin Jun <sup>r</sup>		
Andrew White		
Elkanah Day		

Dudley March y<sup>e</sup> 26:1766      In Obediance to this Warrant I have Warned the persons within mentioned to Depart out of this Town

p<sup>r</sup> me      Eleazer Putney      Constable

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Worcester ss      to Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley Eleazer Putney or Edward Curtis greeting      in his Majesties Name you are hereby Required forthwith to warn or Notify the Several Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Qualified to in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in S<sup>d</sup> Town on wednesday the 26 Day of March instant at 2 o Clock after noon      then and there to act upon the following articles

1) to Chuse a moderator for said meeting

*Dudley Town Records, 1766.*

2ly to See if the Town will Dismis W<sup>m</sup> Wakefield from Serving Constable and Chuse another in his place or to accept Such person as the Said Wakefield Shall bring or present to the Town to Serve for him

and make Return of this warrant as you will answer your Default at the peril of the Law

Dudley March 3<sup>e</sup> 11:1766

Joseph Upham	} Selectmen
Joseph Sabin Jun <sup>r</sup>	
Andrew White	

Dudley March the 26 1766 In obedience to this warrant I have warnd the inhabitants of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentiond

Eleazer Putney Constable

at a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley March 26 1766

- 1) Voted Joseph Upham moderator for Said meeting
- 2) Voted and adjourn'd the meeting to monday the 31 day of March instant and then meet
- 3ly Voted & Chose Edward Davis to Serve Constable for W<sup>m</sup> Wakefield who hath take the oath of office

Worcester ss to Edward Davis Constable of Dudley in S<sup>d</sup> County greeting you are hereby Required in his Majesties Name forthwith to warn or Notify the Several Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting house in S<sup>d</sup> Dudley on monday the 19 Day of May ins<sup>t</sup> at three o Clock after Noon then & there to act upon the following articles

- 1) to Chuse a Representative to Serve at the great & General Court or assembly to be Convend & held for his Ma-

jesties Service at the Court house in Boston upon wednesday  
the 28 day of May ins<sup>t</sup>

- 2) to Chuse a moderator for S<sup>d</sup> meeting
- 3) to See what Sum or Sums of money the Town will  
grant to Defray Necessary Charges for the present Year
- 4 to See what methods or measures the Town will Take to  
Repair the Bridge over the French River to Sam<sup>l</sup> Robinsons  
mill

hereof fail not & make Due Return of this warrant with  
your Doings thereon as you will answer your Defect at the  
peril of the Law givin under our hands & Seal at Dudley  
this 10 Day of May AD 1766

Joseph Upham	} Select men
And <sup>r</sup> White	
Elkanah Day	

In obedience to this warrant I have Notified the Inhabitants  
of Dudley to meet at time & place within mentioned

Dudley May 19<sup>th</sup> 1766

p<sup>r</sup> me      Edward Davis      Constable

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at a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley regu-  
larly Assembled at our meeting on monday the 19 Day of May  
AD 1766

- 1) Made no Choice of a Representative
- 2) Voted Joseph Upham moderator for S<sup>d</sup> meeting
- 3) Voted not to Rase money for Necessary uses
- 4) Joseph Upham Joseph Davis & Sam<sup>l</sup> Fairbank to  
View the above mentiond Bridge & make Report at our next  
meeting

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Worcester ss      to either of the Constables of the Town of  
Dudley Eleazer Putney or Edward Davis greeting      you are  
hereby Required in his Majesties Name forthwith to warn or

*Dudley Town Records, 1766.*

Notify the Several Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting house in S<sup>d</sup> Town on Tuesday the seventeenth Day of June instant at 3 o Clock after noon then and there to act upon the the following Articles

- 1) to Chuse a moderator for S<sup>d</sup> meeting
  - 2) to See if the Town will Chuse a School Committee to Serve the Town for the present Year
  - 3) to See what Sum of money the Town will grant to Defray the Necessary Charges for the present Year
  - 4) to hear the Report of the Committee that was Chose for to View the great Bridge over the french River and to see method the Town will agree to in Repairing S<sup>d</sup> Bridge
- and make Return of this Warrant with Your Doing thereon to us the Select men on or by S<sup>d</sup> Day as you will answer your Default at the peril of the Law

Dudley June y<sup>e</sup> 3 1766

Joseph Upham	} Select men
Joseph Sabin Jun <sup>r</sup>	
Elkanah Day	

Dudley June 17<sup>th</sup> 1766

In obedience to this warrent I have warned the persons within mentioned to meet at time and place within mentioned by siting this warrent up at the meeting hous as the Law Directs

p<sup>r</sup> Edward Davis Constable

at a meeting of the Inhabitants of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting house in S<sup>d</sup> Town on Tuesday 17 Day of June 1766

- 1) Voted Jonathan Newell moderator for S<sup>d</sup> meeting
- 2) Voted Jacob Bradbury Philip Corbin Acibald Jewell Nath<sup>l</sup> Healey Joseph Healey & Elisha Sabin a Committee to provide Schooling the present Year
- 3) Voted not to Raise money for Necessary uses

.4) Voted Sam<sup>l</sup> Fairbank Andrew White & Joseph Davis  
a Committee to over see the Building the great Bridge over  
the french River

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Worcester ss to Edward Davis of Dudley in s<sup>d</sup> County  
Constable you are hereby in his Majesties Name Required  
forthwith to warn or Notify the Several Inhabitants of Dudley  
Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting  
house in s<sup>d</sup> Dudley on tuesday the eighth Day of July Next at  
four O clock after Noon then & there to act upon the fol-  
lowing articles

- 1) to Chuse a moderator for S<sup>d</sup> meeting
- 2) to Chuse County Rigester
- 3) to See what Sum of money the Town will grant to  
Defray the Necessary Charges for the present Year  
and make Return of this warrant to us the Subscribers  
Dudley June y<sup>e</sup> 24 1766

Abijah Newell	} Select men
Elkanah Day	
Joseph Sabin	

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at a meeting of the Inhabitants of Dudley July y<sup>e</sup> 8 1766

- 1) Voted Eben<sup>r</sup> Bacon moderator for S<sup>d</sup> meeting
- 2<sup>d</sup>ly Voted twenty pounds to Defray the Necessary Charges  
the present Year

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We the Subscribers have on this 8<sup>th</sup> Day of May AD 1766  
met and perambulated the Bounds Between Oxford & Dudley  
and Renew<sup>d</sup> Said Bounds from a maple tree where the Brook

*Dudley Town Records, 1766.*

runs out of Chaugumagungamug pond till we Came to the  
South East Corner of Charlton Distrect

as witness our hands

Eben<sup>r</sup> Learned } Select men  
Eph<sup>m</sup> Ballard } of Oxford

Joseph Upham } Select men  
Andrew White } of Dudley

We the Subscribers according to a Notification given met on  
the 22 Day of May AD 1766 perambulated and Renewd the  
Bounds Between Dudley & Charlton begining at a heap of  
Stones on the North Line of Dudley it being at the South East  
Corner of Charlton Ending at Dudley Northwest Corner and  
Charlton Southwest Corner

Joseph Upham } Select men  
Andrew White } of Dudley

Sam<sup>l</sup> Chamberlain } Select men  
Nehemiah Stone } of Charlton

Worcester ss To Edward Davis Constable of the Town of  
Dudley in s<sup>d</sup> County Greeting you are hereby in his Majesties  
Name forthwith to warn or Notify the Several Inhabitants of  
the Town of Dudley Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to  
meet at our meeting house in S<sup>d</sup> Dudley on monday the 22  
Day of Sep<sup>r</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> at 2 O Clock after Noon then and there  
to act upon the following articles (Viz)

1) to Chuse a moderator for Said meeting

2) to hear the Report of the Committee Chose at a meet-  
ing in June Last having the over Sight of working out ten  
pounds in bulding a bridge over the french River Leading  
from our meeting house to Sam<sup>l</sup> Robinsons

3dly to See if the Town will grant any money for Com-  
pleating or finishing S<sup>d</sup> Bridge



4ly to See if the Town will grant any petition or petitions then Laid before them

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon as you will answer your Defect at the peril of the Law

givin under our hands & Seal at Dudley this 12 Day of Sep<sup>t</sup> AD 1766

And <sup>r</sup> White	}	Selectmen
Elkanah Day		
Abijah Newell		

Dudley Sep<sup>t</sup> 22 1766

In obedience to this warrant I have Notity<sup>d</sup> the inhabitants of S<sup>d</sup> Dudley to meet at time & place within mentioned

Pr Edward Davis Constable

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at a meeting Regularly assembled at our meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Dudley Sep<sup>t</sup> 22 1766

- 1) Voted Jacob Bradbury moderator for s<sup>d</sup> meeting
- 2) Voted their acceptance of the Committees Report
- 3) Voted ten pounds for finishing the above mentioned Bridge
- 4) Voted to Discount Seven Shillings in Sam<sup>l</sup> Robinsons highway Rate for what he over paid the Last Year

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On the 19<sup>th</sup> of November 1766 the Select men of Dudley and Sturbridge met at the N:W Corner of Dudley which is also the S:W Corner of Cherlton from thence Run S 2°:30<sup>m</sup> E 439 Rods to the great monement & Set up Stake Every 20 Rods from thence E 9°:N 451 Rods to a white oak tree markt with Stones about it & Set up Stake Every 20 Rods from thence S 8°:30 E 400 Rods to a Large heap of Stones in

*Dudley Town Records, 1766-1767.*

Woodstock North Lane & Renew<sup>d</sup> Bounds Every 20 Rods

Abijah Newell } Select men

Joseph Sabin Ju<sup>r</sup> } of Dudley

Sam<sup>l</sup> Freeman } Select men

Joseph Cheney } of Sturbridge

Rec<sup>d</sup> of Mr Jedidiah Marcy Town Treasurer the Sum of Fifty three pounds six shillings & eight pence in full of Salery From March y<sup>e</sup> 1 1764 to March 1<sup>st</sup> 1765 and the Sum of Eight pound in full of my wood Rate for the Same Year

Dudley March 1<sup>st</sup> 1766

p<sup>r</sup> Charles Gleason

Warrant

Worcester ss to Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley viz) Edward Davis or Eleazer Putney Greeting In his Majesties Name you are Required forthwith to warn the Several Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Duly Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting House in S<sup>d</sup> Dudley on monday the Second Day of March Next at 9 O Clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles

1st to Chuse a moderator for S<sup>d</sup> meeting

2ly to Chuse Town officers for the Year insuing as the Law Directs

3ly to See if the Town will abate M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Robinsons Rates to the Minister for the Towo years past provided he pay his othe Rate of his whole Estate for the Future to this Town

4ly to See what method the Town will Come into to mend the highways this present Year and to Rase money to Defray the Charge of the Same

5ly to See if the Town will allow Swine to Run at Large

6ly to See if the Town will Come into any method to Build a work House in S<sup>d</sup> Town

7ly to See if the Town will hear and Grant any Petition or Petitions then Laid before them

and make Return of this warrant with your Doing thereon as given under our hands & Seal this 13 Day of Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1767

Joseph Upham }  
Elkanah Day } Selectmen  
And<sup>r</sup> White }

Worcester ss      Dudley March y<sup>e</sup> 2: 1767      In obedience  
to this within warrant I have warnd the Several inhabitants  
within mentioned to meet at Time and place within mentioned  
by Sitting a warrant up at the meeting house as usual

p<sup>r</sup>      Edward Davis      Constable of Dudley

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley <sup>Town meeting</sup>  
Regularly assembled at our meeting House in Sd Dudley on  
monday the Second Day of March AD 1767

- 1) Voted Phinehas Mixer moderator for S<sup>d</sup> meeting
- 2ly Voted Ezra Conant Town Clerk
- 3ly Voted Phinehas Mixer Select man
- 4ly Voted Eben<sup>r</sup> Bacon Select man
- 5ly Voted John Curtis Select man
- 6ly Voted Abijah Newell Assessor
- 7ly Voted Joseph Sabin Jun<sup>r</sup> Assessor
- 8ly Voted Joseph Davis Assessor
- 9) Voted Jed<sup>i</sup> Marcy Town treasurer
- 10) Voted Edward Davis west End Constable
- 11) Voted John Brackit Est End Constable
- 12) John Taylor & Daniel Coburn Wardens
- 13) Voted Sam<sup>l</sup> Kidder and Sam<sup>l</sup> Healy Tithing men
- 14) Voted & accepted of Sam<sup>l</sup> Fairbank to Serve Constable  
for John Brackit
- 15) Voted Sam<sup>l</sup> Fairbank Eleazer Putney James Corbin  
David Kidder and Eben<sup>r</sup> Bacon Jun<sup>r</sup> Surveyors of highways
- 16ly Voted the Surveyors to be Collectors
- 17ly Voted And<sup>r</sup> White & Archibald Jewell fence Viewers

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- 18ly Voted Joshua Healey Sealer of weights & measures  
 19ly Voted Sam<sup>l</sup> Kidder Sealer of Leather  
 20ly Voted John Curtis Culler of Claboards & Shingles  
 21ly Voted Joseph Conant Culler of Staves  
 22ly Voted Eben<sup>r</sup> Bacon Surveyer of wheet  
 23ly Voted Abijah Newell Deer Reeve  
 24ly Voted Isaac Chase & John Bacon hog rieves  
 25ly Voted that Swine may Run at Large  
 26ly Voted to abate M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Robinsons ministerial Rates  
 the two years past  
 27ly Voted 35 pounds for mending our highways the present  
 year  
 28ly Voted the highway Rates to be workt out at 2/8 pr  
 day by the Last of Sept Next  
 29ly Voted not to build a work house  
 30ly Voted to abate Philip Newell Jun<sup>r</sup> & Sam<sup>l</sup> Kidders  
 highway Rates this Year  
 the above mentioned officers have all taken their Respective  
 oaths

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the Rates made and Delivered to the Constables for the  
 Year 1766 is as follows Viz

Constable Eleazer Putneys Province Rate	47- 7- 9 $\frac{1}{4}$
his minister Rate	27- 6- 8
his wood Rate	4- 7- 7
his Town and County Rate	17-19- 2 $\frac{1}{4}$
his School Rate	20-17- 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
to Edward Davis for the East End his Provence	
Rate	43- 1-10 $\frac{1}{4}$
his Minister Rate	26- 4- 1
his Wood Rate	3-17-10 $\frac{3}{4}$
his Town & County Rate	16-15- 9 $\frac{3}{4}$
his School Rate	19- 2- 2 $\frac{3}{4}$

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By Vertue of a warrant from the Select men to Constable Edward Davis the following persons were warnd out of Dudley (Viz) John Leavens John King Simeon Bakeck Eunice Peass Issecar Reacords and his Wife & Children Jonathan Willard and his Wife and Children and Mary Willard and Mary Pierce

all warnd by Edward Davis Constable

Feb<sup>ry</sup> 18:1767

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Worcester ss        to Edward Davis one of the Constables of Dudley in S<sup>d</sup> County        you are hereby Required in his majesties name forthwith to warn or Notify the free holders & other inhabitants of the Tow of Dudley Qualified to Vote in Town affais to meet at our meeting house in S<sup>d</sup> Town on wednesday the twentieth Day of may instant at two O Clock after Noon        Then and there to act upon the following articles (viz)

1) for the Town to Chuse a Representative to Serve at the great and General Court the insuing Year

2ly to Chuse a moderator for S<sup>d</sup> meeting

3ly to See what Sum or Sums of money the Town will grant to Defray the Charge of Schooling the insuing year

4ly to See if the Town will grant money to Defray the necessary Charges of the Town the insuing year

5ly for the Town to hear and grant any petition that may then be Laid before them as the Town may think fitt

hereof fail not as you will answer your Defect and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon

given under our hands and Seal at Dudley this fifth Day of May AD 1767

Phinehas Mixer }  
Eben<sup>r</sup> Bacon        } Select men  
John Curtis       }

Dudley May y<sup>e</sup> 20:1767        In obedience to this within warrant I have warn<sup>d</sup> of Notified the Several Inhabitants

within mentioned to meet at time place within mentioned by  
Setting this warrant at the meeting house as usual

p<sup>r</sup> Edward Davis Constable

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at meeting Regularly assembled at our meeting house in  
Said Dudley on the 20 Day of May 1767

- 1) made no Choice of a Representative
  - 2ly Voted Phinehas Mixer moderator
  - 3ly Voted 35£ for Schooling the present Year
  - 4ly Voted 8£ for Necessary uses
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Worcester ss to Edward Davis one of the Constables of  
the Town of Dudley in S<sup>d</sup> County Greeting In his Maj-  
esties Name you are hereby Required forthwith to warn or  
notify the Several inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Qualified  
to Vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting house in S<sup>d</sup>  
Dudley on monday the Eighteenth Day of Jan<sup>ry</sup> instant at one  
O Clock after Noon then and there to act on the following  
articles viz

- 1)st to Chuse a moderator for S<sup>d</sup> meeting
- 2ly to See if the Town will agree to New Clabord our  
meeting house or any part thereof
- 3ly to See if Town will agree to Newbuild the front Door  
in S<sup>d</sup> house with a New Cap over the Same and to do any  
thing to the other two Doors as the Town Shall think Nec-  
essary
- 4ly to See if the Town will vote and agree to make New  
window fraims and Sashes and Glase the above Sd house with  
24 Squares of glass in each window 6 by 8 Glass
- 5ly to See if the Town will Grant to Defray the Charge of  
Repairing the above S<sup>d</sup> house
- 6ly to See if the Town will agree to Chuse a Committee



to provide Stuff and to Do any thing to S<sup>d</sup> house as the Town Shall agree

7ly to See if the Town will Concur with the Votes past by the Town of Boston on Wednesday y<sup>e</sup> 28 Day of October 1767

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings there on unto us the Subscribers as you will answer your Default at the peril of the Law Given under our hands and Seal at Dudley the first Day of Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1768

Phinehas Mixer	{	Select men of Dudley
Eben <sup>r</sup> Bacon		
John Curtis		

Dudley Jan<sup>ry</sup> 18:1768 In obedience to the above warrant I have warn<sup>d</sup> and Notified the freeholders and other inhabitants of Dudley qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting house as within mentioned by sitting this warrant up at the meeting house Door as usual

p<sup>r</sup> Edward Davis Constable of Dudley

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At Meeting of the Inhabitants of Dudley on monday the 18 Day of Jan<sup>ry</sup> AD 1768

1) Voted Phinehas Mixer moderator for S<sup>d</sup> meeting

2ly Voted to New Claboard the body of our meeting house

3ly Voted to New build the front Door of our meeting house with a Cap over the Same and to Do what is Necessary to the other Doors of s<sup>d</sup> house

4ly Voted Not to Glase our meeting house

5ly Voted to Raise 40£ for Repairing our meeting house

6ly Vote to have 3 Committee men to provide for and Repair our meeting house

7ly Voted Jacob Chamberlain Philip Corbin & Sam<sup>l</sup> Fairbank a Committee to Repair our meeting house

8ly Voted to Concur with the Votes pas<sup>d</sup> in Boston Respecting the manifactory business

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*Dudley Town Records, 1767-1768.*

Rates made and Deliver<sup>d</sup> to the Constables of Dudley December 1767

to Constable Davis Province List	46- 2- 9¼
to the meeting house Rate	20-18- 7¾
Province List Committed to Constable Fairbank	41- 8- 2¾
to the meeting house Rate	19- 2- 1½

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Worcester ss to Sam<sup>l</sup> Fairbank one of the Constables of the town of Dudley Greeting his Majesties Name you are hereby Required to warn or Notify the Severall Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting at our meeting house in Dudley on monday the Seventh Day of march next at Nine o Clock in y<sup>e</sup> morning then and there to act upon the following articles

1) to Chuse a moderator for said meeting  
 2ly to Chuse Town officers for the insuing year  
 3ly to See if the Town will agree to Let their Swine Run at Large

4ly to See if the Town will Grant money to Defray the Charge of mending our highways

5ly to See what method the Town will come into for mending our highways

6ly to See if the Town will accept of a Road or higway Laid out from Cap<sup>t</sup> Paul Robinsons Eastwardly to the Road Leading from Silas Robinsons to Killingly partly on Land belonging to Cap<sup>t</sup> Paul Robinson and partly on Land belonging to Co<sup>l</sup> Dudleys heirs and partly on Land belonging Silas Robinson and Tim<sup>o</sup> Foster Jun<sup>r</sup> and partly on Land belonging to Noah Hall

7ly To See if y<sup>e</sup> Town will accept of a Road Laid out by the Select men Northwest corner of Stephen Browns Improvements Northwardly into y<sup>e</sup> S west Corner of Noah Halls Land partly on Land belonging to Nath<sup>l</sup> Brown and partly on Land belonging to Tim<sup>o</sup> Foster J<sup>r</sup>

8ly to See if the Town will accept of a Road Laid out by

y<sup>e</sup> Select begining at a Chesnut tree markt Standing on the South Side of the Road Laid out from Cap<sup>t</sup> Paul Robinsons to Tim<sup>o</sup> Foster Ju<sup>r</sup> from thence Runing North ward about 2 Rods below Silas Robinsons meadow Damb from thence Eastward to the Road Leading from Silas Robinsons to Killingly Near where the old Road is now trod

gly to see if y<sup>e</sup> Town will accept of a Road Laid out by the Select men begining at y<sup>e</sup> S west Corner of the Land belonging to the Heirs of M<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Pierpont from thence Runing Southward to the Road Leading from Nathan Ramsdels to M<sup>r</sup> John Lillies from thence turning and Runing westerly to the Road Leading from Nathan Ramsdels to our meeting house

the perticuler times when the above mentioned Roads were Laid out together with their Respective bounds will be more fully Set forth at the above S<sup>d</sup> meeting

iolv for the Town to hear and Grant any Petition or Petitions that may be Laid before the Town at Said meeting

hereof fail not as you will answer your Defect at the peril of the Law and make Due Return of this warrant with Your doings there on unto us the the Subscribers Given under our hands and Seal at Dudley this 15 Day of Feb<sup>ry</sup> AD 1768

Phinehas Mixer } Select men  
John Curtis } of Dudley

March y<sup>e</sup> 7:1768

Worcester ss In obedience to this Warrant I have Notified the Several of this Town that are qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at time and place within mentioned

p<sup>r</sup> me Sam<sup>l</sup> Fairbank Constable for Dudley

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting house in S<sup>d</sup> Town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 7 of March 1768

1) Voted and Chose Phinehas mixer moderator for S<sup>d</sup> meeting

2) Voted Phinehas Mixer first Select man

- 3ly Voted Jedidiah Marcy second Select man
- 4ly Voted Archibald Jewell third Select man
- 5ly Voted Joseph Sabin Jun<sup>r</sup> Assessor
- 6ly Voted Abijah Newell Assessor
- 7ly Voted Edward Davis Assessor
- 8ly Ezra Conant Town Clerk
- 9ly Jedidiah Marcy Town Treasurer
- 10ly Nath<sup>l</sup> Healey west End Constable
- 11ly Voted Lemuel Corbin East End Constable
- 12ly Voted Sam<sup>l</sup> Fairbank & Elijah Gore Wardens
- 13ly Voted Stephen Carter and Nathaniel Davis Tything  
men
- 14ly Voted Jacob Bradbury Eben<sup>r</sup> Bacon Sam<sup>l</sup> Fairbank  
Jacob Chamberlain and Daniel Smith Surveyors of highways
- 15ly Voted Sam<sup>l</sup> Lamb Sealer of weights and measures
- 16ly Voted Sam<sup>l</sup> Kidder Sealer of Leather
- 17ly Voted Sam<sup>l</sup> Eams & Joseph Healey fence viewers
- 18ly Voted Eben<sup>r</sup> Scott Deer Rieve
- 19ly Voted Jacob Chamberlain & John Foster hog Rieves
- 20ly Voted that Swine may Run at Large
- 21ly Voted 40£ for mending our highways this Year
- 22ly Voted to work out the highway Rates at 2/6 per Day  
from the first of May to the Last of Sep<sup>r</sup>
- 23ly Voted to accept of the Road Laid out from Capt Paul  
Robinsons Easterly to Killingly Road as Discribed in y<sup>e</sup>  
minutes
- 24ly Voted to accept of the Road Laid out from Stephen  
Browns to Tim<sup>o</sup> Fosters Jun<sup>r</sup> as hereafter described
- 25ly Voted not to accept of the Road Laid out from Paul  
Robinsons to Silas Robinsons
- 26ly Voted not to accept the Road Laid out from Eben<sup>r</sup>  
Scotts to our meeting house
- 27ly Voted to Discontinue the old Road from Eliakim Rob-  
insons westerly to the Great Road leading to our meeting  
house
- 28ly Voted to abate Sam<sup>l</sup> Kidders and Philip Newells high-  
way Rates this Year

the above mentioned officers have all been Sworn to the faithful Discharge of their Respective offices Except Elijah Gore

A Road Laid out by the Select men of Dudley on the 17 Day of December 1767 as follows                    beging at the N:W Corner of Stephen Browns Improvements from thence Runing Northerly to a black oak tree from thence to another black oak tree markt from thence to another black oak from thence to another black oak tree markt from thence to the S: W: Corner of Noah Hall Land to the Road Laid out from Paul Robinsons to Tim<sup>o</sup> Fosters Ju<sup>r</sup>                    the above S<sup>d</sup> Road is Laid out two Rods wide and is Laid on the East Side of Sd Bounds

John Curtis }  
Eben<sup>r</sup> Bacon } Select men

A Road Laid out by the Select men of Dudley December y<sup>e</sup> 17 1767                    begining at the N: E: Corner of Cap<sup>t</sup> Paul Robinsons Dwelling house from thence Runing Eastwardly over a Damb belonging S<sup>d</sup> Robinson to a Chesnut tree marked from thence eastwardly to a black oak tree marked from thence to another black oak mark<sup>t</sup> from thence to a walnut from thence to a black oak from thence to a white oak from thence to another white oak Staddle from thence to a black oak from thence to another black oak to another black oak then to a white then to a black oak from thence to the S: W: Corner of Noah Halls Land from thence Eastwardly on the Line between Noah Hall & Tim<sup>o</sup> Fosters Land to the Road that Leads from S<sup>d</sup> Fosters to Killingly    the S<sup>d</sup> Road to be 2 Rods wide the  $\frac{1}{2}$  on S<sup>d</sup> Halls Land the other  $\frac{1}{2}$  on S<sup>d</sup> Fosters Land and is Laid on the North Side of the above mentioned bounds

John Curtis }  
Eben<sup>r</sup> Bacon } Select men

Worcester ss                    To Nath<sup>l</sup> Healey one of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in Sd County Greeting                    you are hereby Required in his Majesties Name forthwith to warn or notify

*Dudley Town Records, 1768.*

the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Dudley qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting house in S<sup>d</sup> Dudley on tuesd the Seventeenth Day of May Next at two O Clock after noon then and there to act upon the following articles viz)

1st to Chuse a man to Represent our Town at the great and general Court or assembly to be held at boston the Insuing Year

2ly to Chuse a moderator for S<sup>d</sup> meeting

3ly to grant money to Defray the Charge of Schooling the Insuing year

4ly to See if the Town will agree to Cholour the body of our meeting house

5ly to Grant money to Defray the Charg of Cholouring our meeting house and Chuse a Committee to Do the Same

6ly to Grant money to Defray Necessary Charges the Insuing year

7ly to See if the Town will Consent that three of the County Courts be held Every Year at Lancaster for the future

8) to Chuse a Comittee to Provide Schooling the Insuing Year

9ly to See if the Town will accept of a List of mens Names for jurors

hereof fail not as you will answer Defect at the peril of the Law and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to us the Subscribers given under our hands and Seal at Dudley y<sup>e</sup> 28 Day of April AD 1768

Phinehas Mixer	} Selectmen
Jedidiahe Marcy	
Archibald Jewell	

Worcester ss                      may y<sup>e</sup> 17 : 1768                      In obedience to the within warrant I have warnd and notifd the Inhabitants within mentioned by Siting this warrant up at the meeting house as usual

p<sup>r</sup>                      Nath<sup>l</sup> Healy                      Constable for Dudley



At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Dudley on the 17 Day of May AD 1768

1st) Voted Phinehas mixer moderator for S<sup>d</sup> meeting

2ly Voted 40£ to Defray the Charge of Schooling the In-suing Year

3ly Voted Elijah Gore Nath<sup>l</sup> Davis John Curtis And<sup>r</sup> white Nath<sup>l</sup> Healy and Elijah Sabin a Committee to provide Schooling the present Year

4ly Voted to Cholour our meeting house with an orange Cholour

5ly Voted Philip Corbin Jacob Chamberlain and Sam<sup>l</sup> Fairbank a Committee for to Cholour Sd House

6) Voted 12£ to Defray Necessary Charges

7ly Voted not to Remove any of the County Courts from Worcester to Lancaster

8ly Voted to accept the Nams of the Jurors Laid before the Town at the present meeting

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Worcester ss            To Lemuel Corbin one of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in S<sup>d</sup> County Greeting            you are hereby in his Majesties Name Required forthwith to warn or notify the Several Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting house in Dudley on thirsdlay the Tenth Day of November next 'at one O Clock after noon            then and there to act upon the following articles Viz

1) to Chuse a moderator for Sd meeting

2ly For the Town to hear and accept of the Committees accompt for Clabording and Coulouring our meeting house

3ly to See if the Town will new Glaze our meeting house with twenty four Squares of glass in Each window 6 by 8 Glass or to make new Casments and fix in the old Glass

4ly to See if the Town will Chuse a Committee to new Glaze our meeting house or do anything to the windows in Sd house as the Town Shall order

5ly To See if the Town will grant money to Defray the Charge of new fixing and Coulouring our meeting house and other necessary Charges arising in our Town

6ly for the Town to hear and Grant any Petition that may be laid before them as they Shall think fit

here of fail not as you will answer your Defect at the peril of the Law and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings there on Given under our hands and Seal at Dudley the eighth Day of Octo<sup>r</sup> 1768

Phinehas Mixer }  
Jedidiah Marcy } Selectmen

Worcester ss      Dudley Novem y<sup>e</sup> 10:1768      by Virtue of this Warrant I have warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of S<sup>d</sup> Dudley qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting house at the time within mentioned by Sitting up this warrant at the Sine post as usual

Lemuel Corbin      Constable

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting house in S<sup>d</sup> Dudley on thirsday the tenth Day of November 1768

1:st Voted Phinehas Mixer moderator for S<sup>d</sup> meeting

2ly Voted to accept the Committees accompt for Clabording and Couloring our meeting house viz.      £58: 7: 11½

3ly Voted to new Glaze our meeting house

4ly Voted that any person that puts a new window into our meeting house Shall have the benifit of the old window

5ly Voted Joseph Upham W<sup>m</sup> Carter & Nath<sup>l</sup> Healey a Committee to See the meeting house Glaz<sup>d</sup>

6ly Voted 20£ for to finish Repairing our meetin house

7ly Voted 10£ for necessary uses

of the Town of Dudley in Said County greeting        you are hereby in his Majesties Name Required forthwith to warn and Notify the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley quallified to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting in Dudley aforesaid on monday sixth Day of March next at nine of the clock in the morning        then & there to act upon the following articals viz        first to Choose a moderator for said meeting

2nd ly    to Choose town officers for the ensuing year as the Law Directs

3rd ly    to see if the Town will agree to Let the Swine Run at large the Ensuing year

4th ly    to See what Sum or Sums of money the town will grant to Defray the charge of mending of our highways in said town the insuing year

5th ly    to See if the Town will accept of a highway laid out by the Select men from the North East Corner of M<sup>r</sup> Harscall land runing East in the line between the land of Ebenezer Edmunds & John Vinton & Ralph Vintons unto the North east Corner of the land y<sup>t</sup> Ebenezer Edmunds bought of M<sup>r</sup> White one rod out of M<sup>r</sup> Edmonds land and one rod out of the above said John & Ralph Vintons land then turning a little towards the southeast where the road is now trod untill it comes to the land of M<sup>r</sup> Jeremiah Phillips then turning South and runing in the line between the land of Ebenezer Edmonds & Jeremiah Phillips one rod on Edmonds land and one rod on M<sup>r</sup> Phillips land until it comes within a few rods of the Brook from thence where the road is now trod on Phillips land untill it comes to woodstock line

6thly    to see if the Town will accept of a highway laid out by the select men from the road that leads from the east school house to Samuel Warrins begining at the corner of m<sup>r</sup> Warrins land from thence runing east in the line between the land of Deacon Jacob Bradburys Northeast corner one rod on Dea<sup>n</sup> Bradburys land and one rod on Capt Paul Robinsons land from thence still eastwardly partly on land belonging to M<sup>r</sup> Dudleys heirs and partly on Cap<sup>t</sup> Paul Robinson land partly

on the land of Mr Silas Robinson by a line of marked trees untill it comes to the south side of Mr Silas Robinsons Dwelling House and so on till it comes to the road that leads Oxford to Killingly meeting House

7thly for the Town to hear and grant any Petition or Petitions that may be laid before them at said meeting

here of fail not as you will answer your Defect at and make due Return of this warrant given under our hands and Seals at Dudley y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> Day of February A D 1769

Phinehas Mixer }  
Archabell Jewell } Select men

Worcester ss      Dudley March y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1769

In obedience to the within warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of this Town to meet according to the tenner of the within warrant      by me

Nathaniel Healey      Constable

Town meeting

At a meeting of the Inhabetents of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting House in said Dudley on monday the sixth Day of March 1769

- 1st Voted Joseph Upham moderator for said meeting
- 2ly Voted Edward Davis Town Clerk
- 3ly Voted Jedidiah Marcy Town Treasurer
- 4ly Voted select men and assessors separate
- 5ly Voted to have five select men
- 6ly Voted Ebenezer Bacon first select man
- 7ly Voted Joseph Upham second select man
- 8ly Voted Jacob Chamberlain third select man
- 9ly Voted Elijah Gore forth select man
- 10ly Voted John Curtis fifth select man
- 11ly Voted to have three assessors
- 12ly Voted Samuel Farbank first assessor
- 13ly Voted Edward Davis second assessor
- 14ly Voted Joseph Sabin Jun<sup>r</sup> third assessor
- 15ly Voted Josiah Conant west end Constable

- 16ly Voted and accepted Andrew White to serve Constable  
for said Conant
- 17ly Voted Joseph Davis east end Constable
- 18ly Voted Samuel Farbank & David Kidder wardiens
- 19ly Voted Samuel Kidder & Timothy Foster Jun<sup>r</sup> Tyth-  
ing men
- 20ly Voted Sam<sup>l</sup> Farbank Sam<sup>ll</sup> Eames Eleazer Putney  
Daniel Newell and Edward Curtis Surveyors of highways
- 21ly Voted Abijah Newell and Nathan Jeffords fence  
viewers
- 22ly Voted Samuel Lamb Sealer of weights and measurs
- 23ly Voted Samuel Kidder Sealer of Leather
- 24ly Voted that swine may run at large
- 25ly Voted Daniel Coburn Jonathan Willard Joseph Upham  
Jun<sup>r</sup> John Wakefield & gideon Saben to be hogg Rieves
- 26ly Voted John Curtis Culler of shingles and Clabords
- 27ly Voted Daniel Smith Deer Rieve
- 28ly Voted the Surveyrs of highways to be Colectors of the  
highway rates
- 29ly Voted forty pounds for mending our highways at the  
same per day as last year
- 30ly Voted not to accept the Road laid out from M<sup>r</sup> Harskels  
to M<sup>r</sup> Phillipses
- 31ly Voted not to accept the Road laid out from the east  
school House to Silas Robinsons
- 32ly Voted that Nathaniel Davis may Turn the road going  
from his House to the Road that goes from our meeting House  
to Sam<sup>ll</sup> Robinsons mill as Described in his petition
- 33ly Voted to abate M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Carpenter minister & meet-  
ing house rates for 1768
- 34ly Voted not to abate Samuel Kidder & Philip Newell &  
Obadiah Sabins highway rates
- 35ly Voted the select men to give an order to Jacob Cham-  
berlain & Sam<sup>ll</sup> Farbank for one pound nine shillings & seven  
pence which they say is there due towards what they Expended  
as a Committee for Clabording and Colouring our meeting  
House

36ly Voted not to open the Road Requested by Will<sup>m</sup> & John Wakefield

the above Named officers have bin sworn to the faithful Discharge of their Respective offices Except Jedidiah Marcy gideon Sabin and Abijah Newell

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perambulation April 4<sup>th</sup> 1769 We the Subscribers Select men of Woodstock and Dudley together with Sam<sup>l</sup> Chandler Surveyors assistance we Begun at a heap of stones one of the souwest corners of Dudley and N:W: corner of Killingley and in the East line of said Woodstock: and from thence we perambulated Northerly first to a white oak tree in the Norwest Corner of land belonging unto Thomas Dudley Esq<sup>r</sup> thence to another white oak tree being the noreast corner of Woodstock from thence we turned west 6° North making a strate line 470 rods to a large heap of stones Eastorlee of a broken topt pine and is Dudley southwesternmost corner and Sturbridge southeast corner and Erected Staks and Stones Every 80 Rods as witness our hand

Nathaniel Child } Select men of  
Nehemiah Lyon } Woodstock

Ebenezer Bacon } Select men  
Joseph Upham } of Dudley

perambulation May 17<sup>th</sup> 1769 We the Subscribers having this day met & Renued the Bounds between Oxford and Dudley begining at a maple tree on the northly side of the mouth of Robinsons mill Brook where it comes out of the Damb thence to a heap of stones on the southerly side of the Brook a little above Robinsons mill then to a heap of stones on the bank of the River the west side opposit the mouth of Robinsons mill Brook thence Northerly to a heap of stones a few Rods North of the widow Abigail Shumways House thence westerly to a heap of stones on a Rock thence Northerly by a line of marked trees



to a heap of stones which is the north east corner of Dudley then westerly to a large heap of Stones which is the southeast corner of Charlton District

Eph <sup>m</sup> Ballard	}	Select men of Oxford
William Watson		

Joseph Upham	}	Select men of Dudley
Elijah Gore		

May y<sup>e</sup> 22 :1769

We the Subscribers having this Day met and Renewed the perambulation Bounds between Dudley and Charlton Beginning at a heap of stones in Dudley line being Charlton southeast Corner and thence on said line Renewed the bounds till we Came to a heap of stones Being Dudley northwest Corner and Charlton Southwest Corner

Eben <sup>r</sup> Bacon	}	Select men of Dudley
Joseph Upham		
Elijah Gore		

and

Nathaniel Blood	}	Select men of Charlton
Samuel Curtis		

Worcester ss                      to either of the Constables of the town of Dudley in said County Andrew White or Joseph Davis greeting                      In his Majastyes Name you or either of you are Required forthwith to warn and Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley qualified to Vote as the Law Directs to meet at our meeting House in said Dudley on monday the 29<sup>th</sup> day of may instant at one of the clock in the after noon                      then and there to act upon the following articals (viz)

warrant

1st to Elect & Depute one person to serve for and represent us in the great and general Court or assembly to be convened and held at the Court House in Boston upon Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup> Day of may instant

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2<sup>nd</sup>ly to Chews a moderator for said meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to grant money for Defraying the charge of Schooling for the Insuing year

4<sup>th</sup>ly to grant money for Defraying other necessary Charges of the town for the Insuing year

5<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to Chews a Sealer of weights & measures in the nome of m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Lamb

6<sup>th</sup>ly to hear & act upon any petition or petitions that shall be lade before the town as they shall think proper

and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings there on to us the Subscribers as you will answer your Defect at the perril of the Law : given under our hands and Seal this 15<sup>th</sup> Day of may Ano : Domini 1769

Eben <sup>r</sup> Bacon	} Select men of Dudley
Joseph Upham	
Jacob Chamberlain	
Elijah Gore	
John Curtis	

Worcester ss      Dudley may y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1769

In obedenence to the within ritten warrant I have warned & notified the Inhabitants qualified according to Law to meet at time and place within mentioned by setting this warrant up at the meeting House as usual

p<sup>r</sup>      Joseph Davis      Constable

Town meeting      at a meeting of the Inhabitants of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting house in Dudley on monday the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of may 1769

1<sup>st</sup> Voted & did not send a Representative this year

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted Joseph Sabin moderator for s<sup>d</sup> meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted £40 for Defraying the charge of schooling the Insuing year

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted 30£ for Defraying other necessary charges the Insuing year

5<sup>thly</sup> Voted William Carter sealer of weights & measures in the room of m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Lamb

6<sup>thly</sup> Voted to abate Alex<sup>r</sup> Thompsons Rates in Constable Farbanks lists for the year 1767 Except the rates of a single Poll in said lists

7<sup>thly</sup> Voted that pue in our meeting house to Edward Curtis that was Cap<sup>t</sup> Paul Robinsons on the South Side of the East Dore upon the same footing our pues is voted to others

8<sup>thly</sup> Voted to abate Philip Newell & Samuel Kidders highway Rates this present year

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Worcester ss      to Joseph Davis Constable of the Town of      • Warrant  
Dudley in s<sup>d</sup> county greeting      you are hereby in his Majes-  
ties Name forthwith Required to warn or Notify the Several  
Inhabitents of the Town of Dudley Qualified to vote in Town  
affairs to meet at our meeting House in s<sup>d</sup> Dudley on Tuesday  
the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of this instant October at two of the Clock in  
the after noon      then and there to act upon the following  
articals (viz)

1<sup>st</sup> to Chuse a moderator of said meeting

2<sup>ndly</sup> to see if the Town will raise mony to pay for New  
glazing our meeting House or Come into some other method  
for to pay the Commitee that glazed sd house

3<sup>rdly</sup> to See if the Town will agree to New paint our  
meeting House & raise money for to Defray the Charge of the  
same or act upon it as the Town shall think proper

4<sup>thly</sup> for the Town to here and act upon any petition or  
petitions that shall be laid before them as they shall see fit

Here of fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with  
your Doings there on, as you will answer your Defect at the  
perril of the Law

Dated at Dudley aforesaid the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of October AD 1769  
by order of the Select men

Edward Davis      Town Clerk

Dudley October y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1769      In obedience to the within

*Dudley Town Records, 1768-9.*

Warrant I have Notified the Inhabitants by setting up this  
warrant according to the usual Custum of this Town

by me Joseph Davis Constable of Dudley

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**Meeting**

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting House in said Dudley October y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1769

1<sup>st</sup> Voted Eben<sup>r</sup> Bacon moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted to new paint our meeting House

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted £12 for to Defray the Charge of painting our meeting House

and then adjourned the meeting to Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of November next at two of the clock in the after noon at which time the Town met and Desolved said meeting

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the Rates made and delivered to the Constables in the year 1768 is as follows viz

D<sup>d</sup> to Constable Nath<sup>l</sup> Healey

the School rate is	21-15- 5½
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Town and County rate is	14-14- 8-3
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menisters rate is	28-18- 0-1
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wood rate is	4- 5- 1-3
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meeting house rate is	10- 9-11-
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Delivered to Constable Lemuel Corben

the School Rate is	19- 9- 0-3
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Town and County rate is	13- 0- 9-3
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Menisters rate is	26- 9- 7-1
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Wood rate is	4- 0- 5-3
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Meeting house rate is	9-16- 7-
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the Rates Delivered to the Constables in the year 1769 is as follows (viz

Delivered to Constable Andrew White for

the west end of the Town

province rate is	31-14- 4-1
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School rate is	20-14- 3-2
Town and County rate is	17-19- 9-1
minister rate is	26- 8- 2-2
wood rate is	4- 1- 1-2
meeting house rate is	6- 2- 5-3
Delivered to Constable Joseph Davis	
Province Rate is	31- 6-11-2
School rate is	20-13- 1-3
Town and County rate is	17-15-10-
minister rate is	27- 4- 6-3
wood rate is	4- 3- 6-2
meeting house rate is	6- 6- 7-2

Worcester ss      to Andrew White one of the Constables of  
the Town of Dudley in the County of Worcester greeting:  
you are hereby in his Majestys Name Required forth with to  
warn or notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the  
Town of Dudley qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at  
our meeting house in Dudley aforesaid on monday the fifth  
Day of march next at nine of the Clock in the fore noon    then  
and there to act upon the following articals viz

Warrant

first to Choose a moderator for s<sup>d</sup> meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to Choose Town officers for the Insuing year as the  
Law Directs

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to See if the Town will agree to let their swine run  
at larg the Insuing year

4ly to See what Sum or Sums of money the Town will  
grant to Defray the Charge of mending our highways in said  
Town the Insuing year and to agree how it shall be Expended

5<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to Choose a School Committee for the  
Insuing year if they think it proper

6<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to Choose a Committee to goe to Wor-  
cester at our next Court of General Sessions of the peace to be  
holden at Worcester on the Second Tuesday of may next to

Represent us at said Court concerning our being presented for not keeping a grammar school if the Town think proper

7<sup>thly</sup> to See if the Town will come into some method to Repair our School house and to raise money to Defray the charge of the same if they think it proper

8<sup>thly</sup> to See if the town will accept of a highway laid out by the Select men begining at the road leading from woodstock line a little west of M<sup>r</sup> Jeremiah Philips to our meeting house and runing through said Phillips land Norwesterly till it Comes to M<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Edmunds land then on said Edmunds land till it Comes to Ralph Vintons land then between the said Edmunds & Ralph & John Vintons lands till it Comes to John Harskell land

9<sup>thly</sup> to See if the Town will accept of a highway laid out by the Select men begining at the end of the lain west of Col<sup>o</sup> Thomas Cheney's house and Runing Norwesterly till it comes to Charlton line on through M<sup>r</sup> Winthrop land

10<sup>thly</sup> to See if the Town will accept of a highway laid out by the select men begining at the road leading from Charlton to Dudley and runing by the east end of Eben<sup>r</sup> greggs house and Barn on said griggs land southerly till it Comes to Josiah Conants house

11<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will accept of a highway laid out by the Select men begining on Eleazer Putneys land by Thomas Taylors house & runing westerly on Putneys land till it Comes to Obadiah Sabins land then on his land till it Comes to Joseph Sabin land then then on his land & land of the heirs of Paul Dudley Esq<sup>r</sup> Deseased till it Comes to the River then Crosing the River into the road leading from Col<sup>o</sup> Cheaney to Elisha Sabins the perticulars & bounds of the above roads will be laid before the Town at s<sup>d</sup> meeting in the Select mens minuts

12<sup>thly</sup> to See if the Town will Come into som method in order to establish the southerly part of the east line of our Town

13<sup>thly</sup> for the Town to here and grant any petition or petitions that shall be laid before them if they think it proper

and make Due Return of this warrant and of your Doings thereon at or before the said fifth Day of march next



Dated at Dudley afore said the fourteenth Day of February  
1770 and in the tenth year of his Majestyes Reign &c

Eben <sup>r</sup> Bacon	} Select men of Dudley
Jos : Upham	
Jacob Chamberlain	
Elijah Gore	
John Curtis	

Worcester ss      Dudley March y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1770

In obedience to this warrant I have Notify the Severil Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the time & place within mentioned according to the usual custom of this Town by Setting up this warront at the sign post in Dudly

Andrew White      Constable of Dudley

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Town meeting  
Regularly assembled at our meeting house on monday y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup>  
Day of March 1770

first Voted & Chose Joseph Upham moderater for said  
meeting

- 2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted Edward Davis Town Clerk
- 3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted to have the select men & assessors separte
- 4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to have five select men
- 5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Eben<sup>r</sup> Bacon first select man
- 6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Jedidiah Marcy Esq<sup>r</sup> second selectman
- 7<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Jos : Upham third selectman
- 8<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Jacob Chamberlain fourth selectman
- 9<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Jos : Healey fifth selectman
- 10<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to have three Assessirs
- 11<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Jos : Sabin J<sup>r</sup> first Assessor
- 12<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Abijah Newell second Assessor
- 13<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Edward Davis third Assessor
- 14<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Jedidiah Marcy Esq<sup>r</sup> Town Treasurer
- 15<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Ichabod Chamberlain west end Constable
- 16<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Paul Dodge east end Constable

- 17<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Nathan Dennis & Lemuel Corbin wardiens
- 18<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Lt Sam<sup>l</sup> Fairbank & Daniel Newell Tithing men
- 19<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Dea: Jacob Bradbury Nathan Jeffords John Bacon Asa Curtis David Kidder Elijah gore and Elisha Sabin highway surveyers
- 20<sup>th</sup>ly Voted that the highway surveyors to be collectors of the highway rates
- 21<sup>st</sup>ly Voted Eleazer Putney & Nath<sup>l</sup> Davis fence viewers
- 22<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted L<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Carter Sealer of weights & measures
- 23<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted Sam<sup>l</sup> Kidder Sealer of Leather
- 24<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to let their swine run at large
- 25<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Jonas Fairbank Thos: Taylor & John Thompson Hogg Rievs
- 26<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> John Curtis Culler of shingles & Clapbords
- 27<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Eben<sup>r</sup> Bacon Dear Rieve
- 28<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to send a committee to Worcester concerning our being presented for not keeping a grammar school
- 29<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Jos: Upham & Edw<sup>d</sup> Davis as a committee to Represent us
- 30<sup>th</sup>ly Voted fifty pounds for to Defray the charge of our highways this year
- 31<sup>st</sup>ly Voted to work out the same at 2 / 6 per Day to be worked out before the first of October
- 32<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted Daniel Newell Jacob Warren John Bracket Eben<sup>r</sup> Ammidown Jos Vinton & Josiah Conant a School Committe to provide schooling
- 33<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted thirty pounds for to Repair our School houses and each ward to Draugh their money as they Do the money for Schooling
- 34<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Col<sup>r</sup> Thos: Cheaney Jos: Vinton & Eben<sup>r</sup> Edmunds as a Committee to Repair that school house in the west ward
- 35<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Capt. John Curtis Jacob Chamberlain & Abijah Newell as a Committee to Repair that school house by sd Chamberlains

36<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Nath<sup>l</sup> Healey Stuckly Arnold & Daniel Newell as a Committee to repair that school house by m<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Bacons

37<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Elijah gore Jacob Warren & John Delremple as a Committee to Repair that School house near said gores

38<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Jos: Upham Lt W<sup>m</sup> Carter & Andrew White as a Committee to Repair that School house near said Whites

39<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Paul Robinson Nath<sup>l</sup> Davis and John Bracket as a Committee to Repair that School house in the East ward

40<sup>th</sup>ly Voted that each Committee shall Repair said houses by the first of October next insuing

41<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to accept of that Road leading from John Haskell by Eben<sup>r</sup> Edmunds to Jeremy Phillips as is particularly Described hereafter

42<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted to accept of a road leading from Colo: Cheaneys to Sturbridge through m<sup>r</sup> Winthrops land

43<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted to accept of a road leading from Josiah Conants to Eben<sup>r</sup> griggs through griggs land Conant paying griggs his Damage and clearing the Town from any cost from griggs

44<sup>th</sup>ly Voted not to accept of that road from Thos Taylors to Col<sup>o</sup> Cheaneys

45<sup>th</sup>ly Voted for the selectmen to run the East line of our Town and make Report to the Town at our Next meeting

46<sup>th</sup>ly Voted that pue to Edward & Nath<sup>l</sup> Davis that was Capt. Eben<sup>r</sup> Edmunds at the east end of the pulpet in our meeting house on the same footing the pues are Disposed of to others as Described in the petition

47<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate Joseph Barrets rates for the year 1769

48<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate Samuel Cooks & Caleb Smiths minister and meeting house rates for the year 1769

the above said officers have taken the oaths of office Except Thos: Taylor & John Thompson

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A Road laid out by the Selectmen of Dudley October y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup>

*Dudley Town Records, 1769.*

1769      begining at a white oake tree & at the end of a road formerly laid out west of Jeremiah Philips from thence about northerly to Woodstock N:E corner from thence to the south side of Ebenezer Edmunds house and east of his Barn from thence about N:W to a Stake and heep stones a Ralph Vintons line and upon said Vintons line west to John Vintons S:E corner and on said John Vinton line to John Haskell land one half on Ralph & John Vintons land and one half on Eben<sup>r</sup> Edmunds land      said road to be two rods wide

by us	Eben <sup>r</sup> Bacon	} Selectmen
	Jacob Chamberlain	
	Elijah gore	

A Road laid out by the Selectmen of Dudley November y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 1769      begining at the N:W of Col<sup>o</sup> Thos Cheaneys lane from thence to a black oak about N:W from thence westerly to heep of Stones from thence northerly to a pitch pine tree from thence about N:W to a small white oake from thence to a heep of stones the south side of a great Rock about a west point from there about northerly to small white oake tree from thence near about as the road is now trod to the corner of the wall of Col<sup>o</sup> Cheaneys farm that Abijah Sarls now lives upon which is to Charlton line      said road to be two rods wide and laid out on the S:W: Sid of the said bounds      by

Eben <sup>r</sup> Bacon	} Selectmen
Jacob Chamberlain	
John Curtis	

A Road laid out by the Selectmen of Dudley Sep<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1769      begining at the N: E corner of Josiah Conants house from thence Runing northerly to the south end of a stone wall in Ebenezer griggsses Pasture on the west side of the path that leads to said griggsses from thence to the East End of griggsses barn & house from thence to the Town road leading from

Dudley to Charlton      Said Road to be two Rods wide and  
said road is laid out on the East side of the Bounds  
by us      Jacob Chamberlain }  
   Elijah Gore    } Selectmen  
   John Curtis    }

the above Said Roads was laid before the Town and accepted by them at the anual meeting in march 1770

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Worcester ss      To Ickabod Chamberlain one of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in said County greeting      you are hereby in his Majestyes Name Required forthwith to warn & Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Dudley on Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of may currant at two of the clock in the after Noon then and there to act upon the following articals (viz)

first to chuse a Representative to serve at the great and general court or assembly to be held at Camebridge the insuing year

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to chuse a moderator for said meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to see if the Town will grant money to Defray the Necessary charge of schooling in our Town the insuing year

4<sup>th</sup>ly to See what Sum of money the Town will grant to Defray the Nesessery charges for the insuing year

5<sup>th</sup>ly to see if the Town will come into any method to fence our Buring places

6<sup>th</sup>ly to see if the Town will here and grant any petition or petitions that shall then be laid before them

Hereof fail Not as you will answer your Default at the perill of the Law and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doing thereon unto us the Subscribers      given under

*Dudley Town Records, 1770.*

our hands and Seal at Dudley the tenth Day of may AD 1770

Ebenezor Bacon	}	Selectmen
Joseph Upham		
Jedidiah Marcy		
Joseph Healey		

Worcester ss      May y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1770      in obedience to this  
warrant I have warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants  
of the Town of Dudley to appear at time and place by Setting  
up this warrant at the usual place in s<sup>d</sup> Dudley

p<sup>r</sup>      Ichabod Chamberlain      Constable of Dudley

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley  
Regularly assembled at our meeting House on Thursday the  
24<sup>th</sup> Day of May AD 1770

first Voted and did not send a Representative

secondly Voted Jedidiah Marcy Esq<sup>r</sup> moderator for said  
meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted £40 for to Defray the charge of Schooling the  
Insuing year

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted £25 for to Defray the other Necessary chargs  
the insuing year

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted not to fence our Buring Places

6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate John Morriss Rates in Nathl Healey  
list in the year 1768 it being 8 / 1

7<sup>th</sup>ly Voted not to grant Philip Newell & Sam<sup>l</sup> Kidders  
petition for to have their highway Rates<sup>e</sup> abated

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N:B Joshua Robbins & Wife and famaly mooved from  
Killingly into Dudley in April 1775 and Ichabod Thompson  
and wife and famaly mooved from Charlton to Dudley in  
October 1775

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Worcester ss      To Ichabod Chamberlain one of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in the County of worcester greeting      you are hereby in his majestyes name Required forthwith to warn or Notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Dudley qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting house in Dudley aforesaid on monday the fourth Day of march next at Nine of the clock in the four noon      then and there to act upon the following articals (viz)

first to choose a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to choose Town officers for the Insuing year as the Law Directs

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to see if the Town will make such grant or grants of money as may be thought Needfull for Schooling the children in the Town and for other Necessary charges in the Town for the currant year

4<sup>th</sup>ly to see if the Town will choose a School Committee to provid Schooling for the insuing year

5<sup>th</sup>ly to see if the Town will mend our highways by a Rate or otherways & if by a Rate then to grant money for the same

6<sup>th</sup>ly to see if the Town will let there swine Run at large the Insuing year

7<sup>th</sup>ly to choose a county Register

8<sup>th</sup>ly to see if the Town will Discontinue the Road that leads from the southwest corner of m<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Bacons Land southerly to the colony line as an open Road but to be continued as a Drist Road: (untill Killingley will open a Road to the county Road

DUDLEY  
ROAD

9<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to here and act upon any petition or petitions that shall be laid before them as they see cause

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon unto the selectmen at or before the said fourth Day of march next as you will answer your Defect at the perril of the Law in that case made and provided      Dated at Dudley aforesaid the Eighteenth day of February in the Eleventh year of his Majestyes Reign Ano Dominy 1771

Warrant

by order of the selectmen

Edward Davis      Town Clerk

Worcester ss      march y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1771      in obedience to this  
 warrant I have warn'd and Notified the freeholders and other  
 inhabitants of the Town of Dudley to meet at time and place  
 by seteng up this warrant at the usual Place in said Dudley  
                  p<sup>r</sup>      Ichabod Chamberlain      Constable of Dudley

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At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Dudley  
 Regularly assembled at our meeting house in Dudley on mon-  
 day the fourth Day of march 1771

first Voted and chose Jedidiah Marcy Esq<sup>r</sup> moderator for  
 said meeting

- 2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted and chose Edward Davis Town Clerk
- 3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted and chose Jedidiah Marcy Esq<sup>r</sup> Town Treasurer
- 4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to have the selectmen and assessors sepearate
- 5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to have five selectmen
- 6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Jedidiah Marcy first selectman
- 7<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Jacob Chamberlain second selectman
- 8<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Will<sup>m</sup> Larned third selectman
- 9<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Joseph Healey fourth selectman
- 10<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Timothy Foster fifthe selectman
- 11<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to have three assessors
- 12<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Samuel Fairbank first assessor
- 13<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Edward Davis second assessor
- 14<sup>th</sup>ly Voted David Kieth third assessor
- 15<sup>th</sup>ly Voted John Bacon west end constable
- 16<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Joseph Upham East end constable and after-  
wards voted and accepted Nathaniel Davis to serve for said  
Upham
- 17<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Samuel Fairbanks & Nathaniel Davis wardiens
- 18<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Timothy Foster Jun<sup>r</sup> and Asa Curtis Tyth-  
ing men
- 19<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Joseph Davis Jacob Warren Philip Corbin  
Silas Robinson Jacob Chamberlain Jun<sup>r</sup> Stukely Arnold Daniel  
Coburn and Gideon Sabin highway surveyors

20<sup>th</sup>ly Voted that the highway surveyors to be collectors of the highway Rates

21<sup>st</sup>ly Voted Jonas Fairbank and John Curtis Jun<sup>r</sup> fence viewers

22<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted L<sup>t</sup> William Carter sealer of weights and measures

23<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted Samuel Kidder sealer of Leather

24<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to let the swine run at large

25<sup>th</sup>ly Voted George Robinson Joshua Wetherill Jun Thomas Cheany Jun<sup>r</sup> Moses Corbin and Sam<sup>l</sup> Newell hog Reives

26<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> John Curtis culler of shingles & clapboards

27<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Samuel Eames Deer Rieve

28<sup>th</sup>ly Voted £90 to Defray the charge of highway work this year

29<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to work out the same at 2 / 6 per Day to be work out before the first Day of october next

30<sup>th</sup>ly Voted £30 for Necessary charges in said Town this year

31<sup>st</sup>ly Voted £40 for schooling the insuing year

32<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted Joshua Vinton Samuel Healy Ebenezer Amidon Nathaniel Davis Joseph Healy and Eben<sup>r</sup> Edmunds school committee

33<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted to discontinue the Road leading from m<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Bacons southwest corner southerly to the colony line as an open Road till Killingley will open a Road through to the county Road it to Remain as a Dist Road and good gates and bars to be maintained by m<sup>r</sup> Stukely Arnold that shall be comfortable and convenient for Pasing & Repasing

34<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to grant m<sup>r</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> Browns Petition to Put gates and bars across the Road near m<sup>r</sup> Philips Bridge till further orders

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Worcester ss

To Nathaniel Davis one of the constables

Warrant

*Dudley Town Records, 1771.*

of the Town of Dudley in said county greeting                      you are  
 hereby in his majestyes Name Required forthwith to warn and  
 Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of  
 Dudley qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at our meet-  
 ing house in said Dudley on wednesday twenty second Day of  
 may curront at two of the clock in the afternoon              then and  
 there to act upon the following articals (viz)

first to choose a Representative to serve at the great and  
 general court or assembly to be held at Cambridge the Insu-  
 ing year

2<sup>nd</sup>ly To choose a moderator for said meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly To see if the Town will continue the old committees  
 to Repair the school houses or choose new ones

4<sup>th</sup>ly To see if the Town will hear and grant any Petition  
 or Petitions that shall be laid before them

here of fail not as you will answer your Defect at the perril  
 of the Law and make Due Return of this warrant with your  
 Doings thereon unto us the Subscribers              given under our  
 hands and Seal at Dudley the eighth Day of may AD 1771

Jedidiah Marcy	} Select men of Dudley
Jacob Chamberlain	
William Larned	
Timothy Foster	

Worcester ss              may y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 1771              In obedience to this  
 warrant I have warned and Notified the several Inhabitants  
 of the Town of Dudley by Setting up this warrant according  
 to the usual custom of the Town

Pr              Nathaniel Davis              Constable of Dudley

Town Meeting              At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley  
 Regularly assembled at our meeting house on wednesday the  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of may 1771

first Voted and chose no Representative

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted Jedidiah Marcy Esq moderator for the rest of  
 said meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted to Dismiss the old Committees and choose new ones to Repair our School houses in said Town

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted L<sup>t</sup> William Carter Lemuel Corbin & Ebenezer Ammidown as a Committee to Repair that School house near said Ammidowns

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Joshua Vinton Josiah Conant and Jacob Chamberlain Jun<sup>r</sup> as a committee to Repair that School house near said Chamberlains

6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Nathan Jeffords John Bracket and Timothy Foster Jun<sup>r</sup> as a Committee to Repair that School house in the East ward

7<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to grant Benjamin Coburn and others petition as to be a School ward by them selves and they to build their own School house

8<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate Joseph Putneys Rates in Joseph Davis list for 1769

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Worcester ss      To Nathanael Davis one of the constables  
of the Town of Dudley in said county Greeting      You are  
in his majestyes Name Required forthwith to warn & Notify  
the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley  
qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting  
house in said Dudley on monday the second Day of march  
next at Nine of the clock in the fore noon      then and there  
to act upon the following articals (viz)

Warrant

1<sup>st</sup> to choose a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to Elect and choose Such Town officers for the  
preasent year as the Law Directs

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to See if the Town will make such a grant or grants  
of money as may be thought Needfull as for Schooling the  
children in this Town & for other Necessary charges in Town  
for the Currant year

4<sup>th</sup>ly to make choice of a Committee to provide a proper  
person or persons to keep the School in Town the present year

5<sup>thly</sup> to See if the Town will mend our Roads by a Rate or other ways and if by a Rate to grant money for the same

6<sup>thly</sup> to See if the Town will let there Swine run at Larg on their Commons this year

7<sup>thly</sup> to hear and grant any Petition or Petitions that may be laid before them

Hereof fail not as you will answer your defect at the perril of the Law and make Due Return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto us the Subscribers Given under our and Seal at Dudley the twelfth Day of February 1772

Jedidiah Marcy	}	Selectmen
Jacob Chamberlain		
William Larned		
Joseph Healy		
Timothy Foster		

Worcester ss      March ye 2<sup>nd</sup> 1772      in obedience to this warrant I have warned & Notified the several Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley by Setting up this warrant according to the usual custom of the Town

p<sup>r</sup>      Nathaniel Davis      Constable of Dudley

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting house in said Dudley March y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 1772

1<sup>st</sup> Voted and chose Jedidiah Marcy Esqr modorator for said meeting

2<sup>ndly</sup> Voted Jedidiah Marcy Esqr first select man

3<sup>rdly</sup> Voted Ens William Larned 2 select man

4<sup>thly</sup> Voted Joshua Vinton 3 select man

5<sup>thly</sup> Voted Edward Davis 4 select man

6<sup>thly</sup> Voted Ens Tim<sup>o</sup> Foster 5 select man

7<sup>thly</sup> Voted Edward Davis first Assessor

8<sup>thly</sup> Voted David Keith 2 Assessor



- 9<sup>thly</sup> Voted Joshua Vinton 3 Assessor  
10<sup>thly</sup> Voted Edward Davis Town Clerk  
11<sup>thly</sup> Voted Jedidiah Marcy Esq Town Treasurer  
12<sup>thly</sup> Voted Archabild Jewell west end Constable  
13<sup>thly</sup> Voted Nathaniel Davis east end Constable  
14<sup>thly</sup> Voted Josiah Conant & John Bracket wardiens  
15<sup>thly</sup> Voted Danl Dodge & John Curtis Jun<sup>r</sup> Tything men  
16<sup>thly</sup> Voted Nathaniel Davis Lemuel Corbin Nathan Dennis  
Samuel Kidder Capt John Curtis Elisha Sabin and Andrew  
Brown highway surveyors  
17<sup>thly</sup> Voted that the Surveyors of highways be Colectors of  
the highway Rates  
18<sup>thly</sup> Voted Lt William Carter Sealer of weights and  
measurs  
19<sup>thly</sup> Voted Samuel Kidder Sealer of Leather  
20<sup>thly</sup> Voted Jacob Warren & Nathan Jeffords fence viewers  
21<sup>thly</sup> Voted Ens Jacob Chamberlain Deer Reeve  
22<sup>ndly</sup> Voted Ebenezer Foster John Edmunds & John  
Corbin hogg Rieves  
23<sup>rdly</sup> Voted Capt John Curtis Culler of Shingles & Clap-  
boards  
24<sup>thly</sup> Voted £50 for Schooling the Insuing year  
25<sup>thly</sup> Voted to put over to may meeting the granting of  
money for the Necessary Charges of the Town the year  
26<sup>thly</sup> Voted £50 to mend our highways this year  
27<sup>thly</sup> Voted to work said £50 at 2 / 6 per Day from the 1<sup>st</sup>  
of may to the 1<sup>st</sup> of October  
28<sup>thly</sup> Voted John Harskel Nathaniel Healy Samuel Eames  
Eleazer Putney William Guy Nathaniel Davis & Eleazer  
Jackson as School Committee to provide Schooling the Insu-  
ing year  
29<sup>thly</sup> Voted to let our Swine run on our Commons the  
present year  
30<sup>thly</sup> Voted to grant Stookley Arnold & Philip Moreys  
Petition to turn the Road from the Bridge up to the uper Side  
of Arnolds moing land to turn up the river till it comes to  
said moreys South line then by said line till it comes to the

foot of the hill west of Arnolds house then into the old road  
it to be two Rods wide and all on Dudley land

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Worcester ss To either of the Constables of the Town of  
Dudley in the County of Worcester Greeting

In his majestyes Name you are Required forthwith to warn  
or Notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town  
of Dudley qualified to vote in this meeting to meet at our  
meeting House in said Dudley on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of  
this Instant may at two of the clock in the afternoon then  
and there to act upon the following articals (viz)

1<sup>st</sup> to Elect and Depute one person to serve for and Rep-  
resent us in the great and general Court appointed to be con-  
vened held and kept for his majestyes service at Harvard  
Collidg in Cambridg upon Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of may  
Instant

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to chuse a moderator for the remaining part of said  
meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to grant money for the Necessary charges in the Town  
this year

4<sup>th</sup>ly to See if the Town will grant more money for Re-  
pairing our highways in Said Town the present year

5<sup>th</sup>ly to See if the Town will accept of the List of Jurymen  
that shall be laid before them by the Selectmen

6<sup>th</sup>ly to See if the Town will Excuse the Baptist or any  
part of them from bringing in their Sertificats yearly agreable  
to the late Law of the Province

7<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to hear and act upon any Petition or  
Petitions that shall be laid before them as they shall see fitt

Hereof fail not as you will answer your Defect at the Perril  
of the Law in that case made and provided and make Due  
Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon unto the  
Selectmen of said Town at or before the said Day Dated

at Dudley aforesaid the 7th Day of may in the Twelfth year of  
his majestyes Reign AD 1772

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis      Town Clerk

Worcester ss      may y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1772      In obedience to this  
warrant I have Notified the Several Inhabitants of the Town  
of Dudley by Setting up this warrant according to the usual  
Custom of this Town

p<sup>r</sup>      Nathaniel Davis      Constable of Dudley

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley  
Regularly assembled at our meeting House in said Town may  
y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1772

1<sup>st</sup> Voted and Did Not chews a Representative this year

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted Jedidiah Marcy Esq<sup>r</sup> moderator for the Re-  
mainder of said meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted 15£ for Necessary charges for this year

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted 15£ more for to Repair our highways and to  
be worked out at the same rate that the other highway money  
is to be

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to accept of the List of Jurymen that was laid  
before them

6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to Excuse the Baptists that belong to a Baptist  
Church from bringing their Sertifacats in to the Assessors  
yearly During the Continuance of the act made in favor of the  
Baptists and Quakers

7<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate Alexander Thompsons Rates that is  
Due to Edward Davis which is 10 / 6:2

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June y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 1772

We the Subscribers have this Day met and Renewed the  
Bounds between Oxford and Dudley begining at a maple tree  
on the Northerly side of the mouth of Robinsons mill Brook

where it comes out of the Pond thence to a heap of stones on the southerly side of the Brook a little above Robinsons mills then to a heap of stones on the Bank of the River oppose to the mouth of Robinsons mill Brook thence Northerly to a heap of stones a few Rods North of the house of the Heirs of Jeremiah Shumaway Jun<sup>r</sup> Deceased thence westerly to a heap of stones on a Rock thence Northerly by a line of mark<sup>d</sup> trees to a heap of stones which is Dudley North East Corner thence westerly to a heap of stones which is the South East Corner of Charlton Destrict

Ebenezer Learned } Select men  
William Watson } of Oxford

William Larned } Select men  
Edward Davis } of Dudley

June y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1772 We the Subscribers have this Day met and Renued the Bounds between Dudley and Charlton Beginning at a heap of stones in Dudley North line which is Charlton South East Corner and then westerdly by a line of marked trees and heaps of stones till we came to a heap of stones in Sturbridge East line which is Dudley Northwest corner and Charlton Southwest corner

Jedidiah Marcy } Select men  
Joshua Vinton } of Dudley  
Edward Davis }

Nathaniel Blood } Select men  
John Dresser } of Charlton

Worcester ss To Archabild Jewell one of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in the county of Worcester Greeting In his majestyes Name you are hereby Required forthwith to warn and Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the

Town of Dudley aforesaid qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at our meeting house in said Dudley on Monday the first Day of march next at nine of the clock in the forenoon then & there to act upon the following articals (viz)

first to chews a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to chews Town officers for the Insuing year as the Law Directs

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to See if the Town will let their Swine run at larg on their commons the insuing year

4<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to grant money to Defray the charge of mending our highways and bridges this year and to agree how the same shall be Expended

5<sup>th</sup>ly to see if the Town will accept of y<sup>e</sup> Road as it is now trod leading from the foot bridge over quinnabog River to the Road leading from m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Vintons to Col<sup>o</sup> Cheney's farm in leu of the Road laid out and accepted by the Town from said bridge to said Road

6<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to hear and act upon any Petition or Petitions that shall be laid before them as they think fitt and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings therein unto the Select men of said Town at or before the said first Day of march next

Warrant

here of fail not as you will answer your Defect at the Perrill of the Law in that case made and provided Dated at Dudley aforesaid the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of February in the Thirteenth year of his Majestyes Reign Anno Domini 1773

by order of the Select men

Edward Davis Town Clerk

Dudley march y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1773 by Virtue of a warrant to me directed I have warned and Notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Dudley quallified to Vote in Town affairs to meete at time and place within mentioned by setting up a warrant at our meeting house and by Verble Notice

P<sup>r</sup> Archabild Jewell Constable of Dudley

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting house in said Dudley on monday the first Day of march anno Domini 1773

- first Voted Jedidiah Marcy Esq moderator for said meeting
- 2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted to have three select men this year
- 3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted to have the select men and Assessors seperate
- 4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to have three assessors this year
- 5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Edward Davis Town Clerk
- 6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Jedidiah Marcy Esq Town Treasurer
- 7<sup>th</sup>ly Voted William Larned first select man
- 8<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Jacob Warren second select man
- 9<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Edward Davis third select man
- 10<sup>th</sup>ly Voted David Keith first assessor
- 11<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Samuel Kidder second assessor
- 12<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Nathaniel Davis third assessor
- 13<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Daniel Newell west end constable
- 14<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Samuel Eames East End constable
- 15<sup>th</sup>ly Voted and accepted John Curtis Jun<sup>r</sup> to serve constable for Daniel Newell
- 16<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Andrew Brown & Eleazer Putney wardien
- 17<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Lemuel Corbin & Samuel Healy Tything men
- 18<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Lemuel Corbin Nathaniel Davis Daniel Newell Nathan Jeffords Elijah gore John Edmunds & Thomas Cheney Jun surveyors of highways this year
- 19<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Timothy Foster Jun<sup>r</sup> & Asa Curtis fence Viewers
- 20<sup>th</sup>ly Voted William Carter sealer of weights and measures
- 21<sup>st</sup>ly Voted Samuel Kidder sealer of Leather
- 22<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> John Curtis culler of shingles & clap-boards
- 23<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted Samuel Waldron dear rieve
- 24<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to let our swine run at large this year
- 25<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Henry Hooker & Justin Jewell hogreives
- 26<sup>th</sup>ly Voted £65 to Defray the charge of our highways & bridges this year
- 27<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to have the same worked out 2 / 6 per Day from the first Day of may to the first Day of october next



28<sup>thly</sup> Voted that the Surveyors of our highways be collectors of the highway Rates this year

29<sup>thly</sup> Voted to Put over to may meeting the fifth articals in the warrant viz concerning Jos Vinton Road

30<sup>thly</sup> Voted to abate the wido grace Smiths Rates in Constable Paul Dodges Lists which is 4<sup>s</sup> 0<sup>d</sup> 2 and 6<sup>s</sup> of Thomas Hutchins Rates in said Dodges Lists

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April y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1773

We the Subscriber met and begun at a heape of stones one of the Souwest cornerd of Dudley and the norwest corner of Killingley and in the East line of Woodstock and from thence we Perambulated Northerly first to a white oak tree in the Norwest corner of Dudleys farme so called then to a nother white oak tree being the Noreast corner of woodstock from thence we turned west 6° North making a straight line 470 rods to a large heep of stones Easterly of a pine stump and is a nother of the southwest corners of Dudley and Sturbridge Soueast corner and renewed the bounds Every 80 rods

1773

as Witness our hands

Elisha Child } Select men by appoint-  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Corbin } ment of Woodstock

William Larned } Select men  
Edward Davis } of Dudley

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Worcester ss      to Samuel Eams one of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in the County of Worcester greeting  
In his majesty's Name you are Required forthwith to warn and Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley quallified to Vote in the choice of a Representative to meet at our meeting house in Dudley on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of may Instant at one of the clock in the afternoon then & there to act upon the following articals (viz)

first to Elect and Depute one person to serve for and Represent us in a great & General Court or assemble to be held at Boston on wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of may aforesaid

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to chews a moderator for the remaining part of said meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to grant money for schooling and for other Necessary charges in our Town for the Present year

4<sup>th</sup>ly to chews a school committee to provide schooling in our Town the Insuing year

5<sup>th</sup>ly to here and act upon any Petition or Petitions that shall be laid before the Town as they see fitt

here of fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings there on unto the Select men of said Town at or before the said 18<sup>th</sup> Day of may corront Dated at Dudley aforesaid the fourth Day of may in the thirteenth year of his majestyes Reign anno :Domini 1773

by order of the Select men

Edward Davis Town Clerk

Dudley may y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1773 in obedience to the within writen warrant I have warned and Notified the several Inhabitants within mentioned by seting up this warrant on the sine post by the meeting house as usual to meet at time and place within mentioned

Pr Samuel Eams Constable of Dudley

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting house in said Town on Tuesday y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> Day of may 1773

first Voted for but did not Elect any Representative for this year

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted Jedidiah Marcy Esqr moderator for the Remaining part of said meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted 40£ for schooling this year

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted 5£ for Necessary charges this year

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Benjamin morris Jacob Chamberlain Jonathan

Day Nathaniel Davis Nathaniel Healy Joseph Upham Jun<sup>r</sup> and Gideon Sabin to be a school committee to provide schooling for the present year in our Town

6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate all Issachar Rickords rates for the year 1772

7<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate Daniel Howard minister Rate for the year 1772

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Worcester ss      to either of the constables of Dudley in the county of Worcester Samuel Emes or John Curtis Jun<sup>r</sup> Greeting      In his majestyes Name you are Required forthwith to warn or Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley quallefyed to vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting house in said Dudley on monday the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of September Instant at one of the clock in the after noon      then and there to act upon the following articals viz

first      to chews a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly      to chuse an assessor a highway surveyer and a School Committee in the roome of Nathaniel Davis Deceased

3<sup>rd</sup>ly      for the Inhabitants to give in to the assessors an invoice of their personal Estate

4<sup>th</sup>ly      for the Town to consult and act upon the letters from the Committee of Corespondants at Boston as they see fitt

here of fail not and make Due Return of this warrent with your Doing thereon unto the select men at or before said Day      Dated at Dudley aforesaid this second Day of September in the thirteenth year of his majestyes Reign anno Domini 1773

by order of the select men

Edward Davis      Town Clerk

Worcester ss      September y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1773      In obediants to this warrant I have Notified the inhabitants of the Town of Dudley by setting up this warrant at the sine post in Dudley according to the custom of the Town

John Curtis Jun<sup>r</sup>      Constable of Dudley

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting house in said Town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Day of September AD 1773

first Voted and chose Cap<sup>t</sup> John Curtis moderator for s<sup>d</sup> meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted Joseph Sabin J<sup>r</sup> assessor in the roome of Nath<sup>l</sup> Davis Deces<sup>t</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted Timo: Foster Jr Surveyor of highways in the roome of Dito

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Jonas Fairbanks Schoole Committee in the roome of Dito

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted not to act upon the letters from the Committee of Corospondants at Boston

Worcester ss      To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in the County of Worcester Samuel Emes or John Curtis Jun<sup>r</sup> Greeting      In his majestyes Name you are hereby Required forthwith to warne or Notify the freeholders and other Inhabetants of the Town of Dudley aforesaid qualified to vote in Town affairs to meete at our meeting house in said Dudley on monday the fourth Day of march next at nine of the clock in the forenoon      then and there to act upon the following articals viz)

first to chews a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to chews Town officers for the insuing year as the Law Directs

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to see if the Town will let their swine Run at large this year

4<sup>th</sup>ly to see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by the Select men from m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Dodges west line of his farm across the Indian land (so called) to the Road leading from Ens: Willam Larneds house to our meeting house in lue of the Road that leads from the said Dodges Norwest corner to Dea: Edward Davis<sup>es</sup> house

5<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to grant money to Defray the charge of

mending our highways and bridges this year and to agree how the same shall be Expended

6<sup>thly</sup> for the Town to hear and act upon any Petition or Petitions that shall be laid before them as they thing proper

and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon unto us the Subscribers on or before said Day Given under our hand and Seals this Eleventh Day of February in the fourteenth year of his majistyes Reign anno Domini 1774

William Larned	} Select men of Dudley
Jacob Warren	
Edward Davis	

Worcester ss      march y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1774      In obedience to the within written warrant I have warned and Notified the persons within mentioned to meet at time and place herein perfixt by setting this warrant up on our sign post by the meeting house as usual

P<sup>r</sup>      Samuel Emes      Constable of Dudley

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting house in said Dudley on monday march y<sup>e</sup> the Seventh anno Domini 1774

first Voted and chose Jedidiah Marcy Esq<sup>r</sup> moderator for said meeting

- 2<sup>ndly</sup> Voted to have the select men and assessors separte
- 3<sup>rdly</sup> Voted to have five select men this year
- 4<sup>thly</sup> Voted to have five assessors this year
- 5<sup>thly</sup> Voted Edward Davis Town Clerk
- 6<sup>thly</sup> Voted Jedidiah Marcy Esq<sup>r</sup> Town Treasury
- 7<sup>thly</sup> Voted Jedidiah Marcy Esq<sup>r</sup> first select man
- 8<sup>thly</sup> Voted Ens: William Larned second selectman
- 9<sup>thly</sup> Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> John Curtis third selectman
- 10<sup>thly</sup> Voted Edward Davis fourth select man
- 11<sup>thly</sup> Voted Joseph Healy fifth selectman
- 12<sup>thly</sup> Voted Joseph Sabin Jun<sup>r</sup> first assessor
- 13<sup>thly</sup> Voted Edward Davis second assessor

- 14<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Ichabod Chamberlain third assessor  
 15<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Timothy Foster Jun<sup>r</sup> fourth assessor  
 16<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Jonas Fairbank fifth assessor  
 17<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Ens : Samuel Healy west end constable  
 18<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Samuel Waldron east end constable  
 19<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Asa Curtis and Benjamin Kidder Jun<sup>r</sup> wardians  
 20<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Samuel Kidder and Joseph U<sup>l</sup>ham Jun<sup>r</sup> Tything men  
 21<sup>st</sup>ly Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> John Curtis culler of shingles and clapboards  
 22<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted Joseph Edmunds Archabild Jewell Philip Newell Jun<sup>r</sup> Timothy Foster Jun<sup>r</sup> Ralph Vinton John Warren and Nathan Jeffords highway surveyors  
 23<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted that the surveyors of the highways be collectors of the highway Rates  
 24<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Capt William Carter sealar of weights and measurs  
 25<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Samuel Kidder sealar of Leather  
 26<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Jacob Chamberlain Jun<sup>r</sup> & George Robinson fence viewers  
 27<sup>th</sup>ly Voted John Bacon Deer Rieve  
 28<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to let our swine Run at large on our commons this year  
 29<sup>th</sup>ly Voted John Thompson moses Chamberlain & Josiah Hovey hog Reives  
 30<sup>th</sup>ly Voted fifty pounds for to mend our highways and bridges this year  
 31<sup>st</sup>ly Voted to work out the same at 2 / 6 per Day from the first Day of may to the first Day of october  
 32<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted to abate the widow Sarah Slys minister Rates in Constable Samuel Emes List for the year 1773 it being 12 / 2 : 2  
 33<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted to abate one Poll in Obadiah Sabin Rates in John Curtis Jun<sup>r</sup> lists for the year 1773 it being 8 / 8  
 34<sup>th</sup>ly Voted that the Selectmen should purchis a Cow for the use of m<sup>r</sup> Alexander Thompsons family During ye pleasure of ye Town



35<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to accept of a Road Laid out by the selectmen of the Town of Dudley November y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 1773 a cross the Indian land so called for m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Dodge in Lue of the Road that leads from his Norwest corner of his farme to Dea Edward Davis house begining at a small chestnut tree marked near the west line of the said Dodges farme westerly from his house then leading westerly on the said Indian land to a black oak tree marked then to a white oak then to a small black oak then to a stake and stones in the line between the said Dea Davis land and the Indian land there turning southerly by said Davis east line till it comes to the Road leading from Ens: William Larned house to our meeting house said Road is two Rods wide and the marks are on the northerly and westerly side of the Road

Dodges Road

William Larned } Selectmen  
Edward Davis } of Dudley

Said Davis to make the new Road as good as the old Road now is Reletive to mire & water that is where it is more mirey to copy till it is as good

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Worcester ss To Either of the constables of the Town of Dudley in the County of Worcester Greeting In his majestyes Name you are Required forthwith to warne or Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley qualified by Law to vote for a Representative to meet at our meeting house in said Dudley on Thursday the Ninteenth Day of may Instant at one of the clock in the afternoon then and there to act upon the following articals viz

first to Elect and Depute one Person to serve for and Represent us at the Great and General court to be holden at Boston on wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of this Instant may and so from time to time During the sessions of said court the insuing year

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to chews a moderator for the Remaining part of said meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to chews a School Committee to provide Schooling in our town the currant year

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4<sup>th</sup>ly to grant money to defray the charge of schooling and other Necessary charges in the Town this year

5<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to act Reletive to buring places in our Town as they shall think fitt

6<sup>th</sup>ly for to see if the Town well finish the back pues in the wemens gallarys or to grant them to such perticuler persons for the benifitt of the weomen as the Town shall think fitt

7<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to here and act upon any Petition or Petitions that shall be laid before them as they think fitt

and make Due Return of this warrent with your Doings thereon unto us the Subscriber at or before the said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of may in the fourteenth year of his majestyes Reign anno: Domini 1774

Jedidiah Marcy	}	Selectmen of Dudley
William Larned		
John Curtis		
Edward Davis		
Joseph Healy		

may y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1774 In obedeants to this warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley by setting this up at the sign poste as usual as the Law Directs

Samuel Healy Constable

At a meeting of the Inhabetants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting house in our Town on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of may 1774

first voted and did not chews a Representative

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted Jedidiah marcy Esqr: moderator for the Remaining part of this meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted Capt: Nath<sup>l</sup> Healy Asa Curtis W<sup>m</sup> Carter Joseph Carpenter Ebenezer Ammidon Joseph Davis & Benjamin Stone a School Committee to provide Schooling in our Town this year

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted £50 for Schooling this year

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted £15 for other Necessary charges in our town this year

6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Joseph Vinton Edward Davis & Nathan Jeffords a Committee to see about our burying places in our Town & make Report to the Town

7<sup>th</sup>ly Voted for the Town to build the back pue in the weomens gallary in our meeting

8<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to Ens: William Larned and Jonathan Day that pue in our meeting house the North side of the weomens stares

9<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate William Gordens Rates in Constable Curtis list for the year 1774 it being 8 / 8

10<sup>th</sup>ly Voted not to act upon Timothy Fosters Petition and other about seats for singing .

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Worcester ss            To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in said County Greeting    In his majestyes Name you are hereby Directed forthwith to warne the freeholders and other inhabitants of the said Town of Dudley quallified to vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting house in said Dudley on Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of this Instant June at three of the clock in the after noone    then and there to act upon the following articals (viz)

first to chews a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly for the Town to chews a Committee to Dispose of the pues back of the weamans gallaraes that was nuly build in our meeting house as the Town shall agree

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to here and act upon any Petition or Petitions that shall be laid before the Town as they think fitt

here of fail Not as you would answer your Defect at the Perrill of the Law in that case made and provided and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Select men at or before the said Day            Dated at

Dudley aforesaid the Twenty fourth Day June anno Domini  
1774

by order of the Select men

Edward Davis Town Clerk

In obedience to this warrant I have warned the freeholders  
and y<sup>e</sup> other inhabitants of the Town by setting up this at the  
Sign Poste as usual Dudley June y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1774

Samuel Healey Constable

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley  
Regularly assembled at our meeting house in said Town on  
Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of June anno Domini 1774

first Voted and chose Ens: W<sup>m</sup> Larned moderater of sd  
meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted Capt John Curtis Ens: W<sup>m</sup> Larned and Ed-  
ward Davis a Committee to Dispose of the pues that are Nuly  
built in our meeting house back of the weomans gallares to  
such persons as they shall judge they blong to and to set the  
time when the pues shall be paid for and if not paid for by  
that time to Dispose of them to others

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted to grant Elisha Coburns & others petition for  
a Committee of Corespondance

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Capt: John Curtis Lt Tim<sup>o</sup> Foster Joseph  
Vinton Archabald Jewell & Elisha Corbin a Committee of  
Corespondance to corespond with the other Committees of  
Corespondance in other Towns

To all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of  
Dudley in the County of Worcester that are sixteen years old  
and upwards you are hereby Desired to meet at our meeting  
house in said Town on monday the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of September  
Instant at ten of the clock in the fore noon then and there  
to act upon the following articals (viz)

first to choose a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to see what Town stock the Town will have provided more than we now have

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to choose millitia officers for our Town

4<sup>th</sup>ly to act upon any other of our publick affairs as the Town shall think proper

Dated at Dudley aforesaid the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of September anno Domini 1774

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis Town Clerk

Dudley September y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1774 I have Notefyed the Inhabetants of this Town to meet at time & place and for the purposes within mentioned by seting up this Notifycation at the meeting house

by order of the select men

Edward Davis

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley assembled at our meeting house on monday the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of September AD 1774

first Voted and chose Ens: W<sup>m</sup> Larned moderator for sd meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted 100<sup>lb</sup> of powder 400<sup>lb</sup> of lead and 10 doz of flints to be added to our Town stock

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted to have 5 men as a Committee to propose proper measurs how our millitia officers shall be chosen

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Colo. Thos Cheney m<sup>r</sup> Jacob Warren Ens W<sup>m</sup> Larned Ens: Jacob Chamberlain & m<sup>r</sup> Elisha Corbin for to be s<sup>d</sup> Committee

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to accept the Committee Report for to choose all the officers that was there last officers till further orders

6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted for all the millitia officers both commissions & non commissions to be our officers till further orders

7<sup>th</sup>ly Voted that the said officers have full power as they had before by Law on every account

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8<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to send a Representative to the provincial congress to be holden at Concord on the second Tuesday of october next

9<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Colo: Thomas Cheney as our Representative for to goe to Concord to said Congress

10<sup>th</sup>ly Voted that the assessors shall not assess the province nor County Rate this year

11<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to Excuse all the Baptist from ministereale Rates this year that has heretofore brought in surtificates

12<sup>th</sup>ly Voted that our constable Samuel Healy shall not make any Return of Jurymen in obedience to the New act of parliament and that the Town save him harmeless

Worcester ss To Either of the constables of the Town of Dudley in the County of Worcester Greeting In his majestyes Name you are hereby Directed forthwith to warn or Notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town quallefyed to vote for a Representative to meet at our meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Dudley on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of September Instant at three o clock in the after noon then and there to choose a Representative to Represent us at the Great and General court to be holden at Salem on the fifth Day of october next &c

and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings to the Select men at or before said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid the 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of September anno Dommini 1774

by order of the Select men

Edward Davis Town Clerk

In obedience to the warrant I have warned the freeholders and other Inhabetants by setting up this at the Sign post as usual

Dudley September the 27<sup>th</sup> 1774

Samuel Healy Constable



At a meeting of the Inhabetants of the Town of Dudley Regularly Assembled at our meeting house on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of September 1774

first Voted Colo : Thomas Cheney our Representative

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To either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in y<sup>e</sup> County of Worcester Greeting you are hereby Directed forthwith to warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of of the Town of Dudley to meet at our meeting house in said Dudley on monday the 28<sup>th</sup> Day of November Instant at ten of the clock in the forenoon then and there to act upon the following articals (viz)

first to choose a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly for the Town to give the Assessors and Constables Instruction in their Respective offices and to act in any matter Reletive thereto as they think best

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to see if the Town will procure and lay up some provitions for the minnit men if needed for them or any other use that they shall order and act Reletive to said minnit men cost of fitting them selves as the Town sees fitt

4<sup>th</sup>ly to see if the Town will Drop their non Importation agreement and adopt the Grand Congresses Resolves Relitive thereto and act on any other matters Reletive to said Resolves as the Town thinks best

and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon unto the select men at or before said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid this 16<sup>th</sup> Day of Novem<sup>r</sup> anno Domini 1774 by order of the Select men

Edward Davis Town Clerk

In obedience to this warrant I have warned freeholders and y<sup>e</sup> other Inhabitants by setting up this warrant at the sign poste as usual

Dudley Novem<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1774

Samuel Healy Constable

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At a meeting of the Inhabetants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting house on monday the 28 Day of Novem<sup>r</sup> 1774

first Voted Capt Curtis moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted that the Constables shall not pay the moneys in there hands or that they shall colect to the province Treasurer that was assessed in the year 1773

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted for the Constables to colect the Remainders of their Lists forthwith and to keep the province money in their hands till further orders

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to choose a Committee to assist in settling and astablishing of the minnit men

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Joseph Vinton Capt morress major Larned andrew Brown & Archabald Jewell for said Committee

6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to adjourn this meeting to monday the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of Decem<sup>r</sup> next at one of the clock in the afternoon persisely met according to adjournment and proceeded and voted

first not to lay up any provitions for the minnit men now

2<sup>nd</sup> Voted to take the money in the Constables hands and purchis half a chest of guns with Bayonets for the Town

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted to Drop the non-importation agreement signed by the major part of the Town and to adopt the grand Congress<sup>es</sup> Resolves Reletive there to and to adhear to said Congress in all matters what soever

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted major Larned Joseph Vinton Cap<sup>t</sup> morress Joseph Upham Cornet Day Jacob Warren Joseph Sabin J<sup>r</sup> Capt Carter and Ens: Jeffords as a Committee of Inspection to see that the grand Congresses Resolves are carried into Execution

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted that the assessors shall assess the province Rate forth with

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To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in the County of Worcester Greeting      you are hereby Required forthwith to warne the freeholders and other Inhabetants of

the Town of Dudley quallified to vote for Representetives to meet at our meeting house in said Dudley on monday the second Day of January next at one of the clock in the after noon then and there to act upon the following articals viz

first to choose a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>ndly</sup> to Elect and Depute a person or persons to Represent us in a provintial Congress to be held at Cambridge on the first Day of February next and to give then instructions to meet sooner if need Requires

3<sup>rdly</sup> to choose a committee for to take care about the contrebution for Boston & Charlstown

4<sup>thly</sup> to hear the Reporte of the Committee chosen to view the burying places in our Town and act there on as the Town sees fitt

5<sup>thly</sup> for the Town to act on any of our publick affairs as need shall cale for

here of fail not and make Due Return of this warrent with your Doings thereon unto the select men at or before said Day

Dated at Dudley aforesaid this Twentyeth Day of Decem<sup>r</sup> anno Domini 1774

by order of the select men

Edward Davis Town Clerk

Agreeable to the within written warrant I have warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned by setting up this warrant at the sign post as is usual

Dudley January 2<sup>nd</sup> 1775

Samuel Waldron Constable

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At a meeting of the Inhabetants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting house on monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of January 1775

first voted and chose Col<sup>o</sup> Cheney moderator for said meeting

2<sup>ndly</sup> voted and chose Colo: Cheney to Represente us at

the provincial Congress to be holden at Chambridge on the first Day of February next or sooner if need be

3<sup>rd</sup>ly voted Ens: Chamberlain Capt morriss & Lt Keith a Committee to take care about the contrabution for the poor of Boston & Charlstown

4<sup>th</sup>ly voted for the Select men to gitt a deed of m<sup>r</sup> gleason of our burying place by him and to ad to it as convenience will permet

5<sup>th</sup>ly voted to Reconsider that vote past last meeting to take the province moneys in the Constables hands to purchis guns

6<sup>th</sup>ly voted to have our Constables pay their province moneys unto Henry gardner Esqr of Stow and that his receipt shall be their Discharge from any demands from the province Treasurer Harrison gray Esqr

7<sup>th</sup>ly voted to adjorn said meeting without Day

Worcester ss      To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in the County of Worcester Greeting      you are hereby Directed forthwith to warn and notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley quallified to vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting house in said Dudley on monday the Sixth Day of march next at nine of the clock in the forenoon      then and there to act upon the following articals (viz)

first to choose a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to choose Town officers for the insuing year as the Law Direct

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to see if the Town will let their Swine run at large this year

4<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to grant money to Defray the charges of our highways and bridges the current year and to agree how the same shall be expended

5<sup>th</sup>ly to see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by the select men on the west side of the burying place across m<sup>r</sup>

gleasons Lot and Discontinue the Road that was laid out on the south end of the burying place and across the East end of said m<sup>r</sup> gleasons lot and appropriate said Road to the use of of the Town to bury in so far as it adjoins to the burying place

6<sup>thly</sup> to choose a county Treasurer

7<sup>thly</sup> to see if the Town will accept of the Road Leading from the foot bridge over Quinnabog River to the Road from mr Joseph Vintons to Colo Cheney's where it is now trod in lue of where it was laid out

8<sup>thly</sup> to hear and act upon any petition or petitions that shall be laid before the Town as they see fitt

And make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon unto us at or before said Day

Dated at Dudley aforesaid this seventeenth Day of February anno Domini 1775

Jedidiah Marcy	}	Selectmen of Dudley
William Larned		
John Curtis		
Edward Davis		
Joseph Healy		

In obedience to this warrant I have warned the freeholders and the other Inhabitants to meet at our meeting house by setting this up at the sign post as usual

Dudley march y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1775

Samuel Healy      Constable

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting house on monday the sixth Day of march anno Domini 1775

first voted and chose Esq<sup>r</sup> marcy moderator for said meeting

2<sup>ndly</sup> voted to have 5 select men this year

3<sup>rdly</sup> voted Esq<sup>r</sup> marcy first selectman

4<sup>thly</sup> voted major w<sup>m</sup> Larned second selectman

5<sup>thly</sup> voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Curtis third selectman

6<sup>thly</sup> voted Joseph Vinton fourth selectman

- 7<sup>thly</sup> voted Edward Davis fifth selectman  
 8<sup>thly</sup> voted Edward Davis Town Clerk  
 9<sup>thly</sup> voted Esq<sup>r</sup> marcy Town Treasurer  
 10<sup>thly</sup> voted to have three assessors this year  
 11<sup>thly</sup> voted Joseph Sabin Jr first assessor  
 12<sup>thly</sup> voted David Keith second assessor  
 13<sup>thly</sup> voted Timothy Foster Jr third assessor  
 14<sup>thly</sup> voted John Curtis Jun<sup>r</sup> west end constable  
 15<sup>thly</sup> voted Benjamin Kidder Jr east end constable  
 16<sup>thly</sup> voted Joseph Edmunds and Jacob Chamberlain Jr  
 wardians  
 17<sup>thly</sup> voted Andrew Brown and Justus Jewell Tithing men  
 18<sup>thly</sup> voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Curtis Culler of shingles and clapboards  
 19<sup>thly</sup> voted Andrew Brown Cornet Day Lemuel Corbin  
 Ebenezer Amidon John Bacon John Vinton & moses Jewell  
 surveyors of highways and collectors of the highway Rates  
 20<sup>thly</sup> voted to accept Jonas Fairbank to serve constable for  
 Benj<sup>a</sup> Kidder Jr  
 21<sup>stly</sup> voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Carter sealer of weights & measurs  
 22<sup>ndly</sup> voted Samuel Kidder sealer of Leather  
 23<sup>rdly</sup> voted Samuel Palmer & moses Chamberlain fence  
 viewers  
 24<sup>thly</sup> voted Timothy Foster Jun<sup>r</sup> Deer Riefe  
 25<sup>thly</sup> voted to let our swine rune at large on our commons  
 this year  
 26<sup>thly</sup> voted gideon Sabin John Warren Japheth Corttis &  
 Daniel Hebbard hog Rieves  
 27<sup>thly</sup> voted £50 for to Defray the charge of our highway  
 & bridges this year  
 28<sup>thly</sup> voted to have the same worked out at 2 / 6 per Day  
 from the first of may to the first of october  
 29<sup>thly</sup> voted to accept of the Road from m<sup>r</sup> gleasons wall  
 east of his house to the burying place and on the west side of it  
 across his lot into the Road by m<sup>r</sup> gleasons Noreast corner and  
 Discontinue the Road on the south end of the burying place  
 and across the east end of said mr gleasons lot and appropriate



said Road to the use of the Town for to bury in so far as it adjoins to the burying place

30<sup>thly</sup> voted to accept of the Road from the foot bridge over Quinnabogge River to the Road from mr Joseph Vintons to Colo: Cheney's where it is now trod in lue of where it was laid out

31<sup>stly</sup> voted to abate the widow Robinsons minister Rates for 1774

32<sup>ndly</sup> voted not to grant Esq<sup>r</sup> marcys petition

33<sup>rdly</sup> voted & granted the select mens petition to Reconsider that vote that was past by the Town the 2 Day of January last to have y<sup>e</sup> Constables Emes & Curtis pay the province moneys in their hands to Esq<sup>r</sup> Gardner of Stow and to have it paid to the selectmen

24<sup>thly</sup> voted to abate Jonathan Stones Rates in constable Emes Lists

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A Road laid out by the select men of Dudley beginning at a wall east of mr gleasons house by the Road then Runing east-erly by Capt Carters land to the burying place then turns Northerly by said burying place to a chesnut tree then Northerly by the burying place to a stake and stones being the Nor: west corner of it then Northerly through mr gleasons land into the former Road to a stake and stones in said Carters west line the bounds of said Road is on the Easterly and Southerly sides of it and is three Rods wide from mr gleasons wall to the burying place and from that two Rods wide to the North end of said Road

Road

Dudley January y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1775

accepted march y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1775

Jedidiah marcy	} Selectmen of Dudley
John Curtis	
Edward Davis	
Joseph Healy	

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To either of the constables of the Town of Dudley in the County of Worcester Greeting        you are hereby Directed forthwith to warne and Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town quallified to vote for a Representative to meet at our meeting house in said Dudley on monday the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of may instant at one o clock in the after noon    then and there to act upon the following articals viz

first to Elect and Depute a person or persons to Represent us in a provincial Congress to be held at the meeting house in watertown on the 31<sup>st</sup> Day of may instant and to be continued by adjournment as they shall see cause until the exparation of six from said 31<sup>st</sup> instant and no longer

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to choose a moderator for the Remainder part of said meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to grant money for schooling and other Necessary charges for this year

4<sup>th</sup>ly to choose a school Committee to provide schooling for the present year

5<sup>th</sup>ly to agree and order how the highway Rate shall be assessed

6<sup>th</sup>ly to see if the Town will have our Town stock removed and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon unto the select men at or before the said 29<sup>th</sup> Day of may Instant

Dated at Dudley aforesaid the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of may anno Domini 1775

by order of the selectmen

Edward Davis      Town Clerk

Dudley may the 29<sup>th</sup> 1775

In obedience to this warrant I have warned & Notified the Inhabitants herein mentioned by setting up this warrant two Publick Days at the Signe Post at our meeting house in Dudley

Jonas Fairbank } one of the Constables  
                              } of Dudley

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley

Regularly assembled at our meeting house on monday the 29<sup>th</sup>  
Day of may AD 1775

first voted and chose major W<sup>m</sup> Larned as a Dellegate to  
Represent us at a provincial Congress to be held at Watertown  
on the 31<sup>st</sup> Day of may Instant and so from time to time for  
six months

2<sup>nd</sup>ly voted major Larned moderator for the Remainder of  
said meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly voted 25£ for schooling our children this year

4<sup>th</sup>ly voted 10£ for other Necessary charges this year

5<sup>th</sup>ly voted Asa Curtis Cornet Day Ralph Vinton John  
Blood mr Joseph Upham mark Dodge & Joseph Healy as a  
school Committee this year

6<sup>th</sup>ly voted not to assess our highway Rates till further  
order

7<sup>th</sup>ly voted to have our Town stock Remooved by the  
selectmen

8<sup>th</sup>ly voted to adjorn this meeting without Day

agreeable to Notifcation the Town met on wednesday the  
14<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1775 at five of the clock in the afternoon for  
to act Reletive to our province money in the constables hands  
for 1773 & 1774 collected and to be collected by them and

first voted Capt John Curtis moderator P:T for that  
meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly voted and Reconsidered that vote past by the Town  
the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of march last for to have the province money paid  
to the selectmen

3<sup>rd</sup>ly voted that our Constables for the years 1773 & 1774  
do as soon as may be pay their province money in their hands  
that is collected and collect and pay that that is not now col-  
lected to Henry Gardner Esq<sup>r</sup> of Stow our Receiver General  
and his Receipt shall be their Discharge

4<sup>th</sup>ly voted to adjorn this meeting without Day

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To the Selectmen of the Town of Dudley :

whereas I the Subscriber haveing no Estate and by Reason of old age and other infirmitys am unable to procure sustenance for my natural life I must therefore cast myself on your care under God for my maintainance                      this from your Humble Needy friend

Dated at Dudley y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> Day of august anno 1773

John Corttis

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in to County of Worcester Greeting                      you are hereby Directed forth with to warn and Notify the freeholders and other Inhabetants of Dudley aforesaid qualifeyed to vote for a Representative to meet at our meeting house in said Town of Dudley on monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of July next at four o clock in the after noon                      then and there to act upon the following articals (viz)

first                      to Elect and Depute a person to Represent us in a Great and General Court or assembly to be convened held and kept for the service of this coloney at the meeting house in watertown upon wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of July next and so During their Sessions till the Day preceding the last wednesday of may next if Necessary

2<sup>nd</sup>ly                      to choose a moderator for the Remainder of said meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly                      to Dismiss our Committee of Corespondance and to choose a new Committee

here of fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings there on at or before the said third Day of July Next                      Dated at Dudley aforesaid this 26<sup>th</sup> Day of June anno Domini 1775

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis                      Town Clerk

July y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 1775

In obediance to this warrant I have

warned the Inhabitants of this Town by seting up this warrant  
at the sign poste in Dudley

John Curtis J<sup>r</sup>      Constable of Dudley

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley  
legually warned and Regularly assembl'd at our mēting house  
on monday y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 1775

first voted major W<sup>m</sup> Larned our Representative

2<sup>nd</sup>ly voted major W<sup>m</sup> Larned moderator for the Remainder  
of this meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly voted to Dismiss our Committee of Corespondance

4<sup>th</sup>ly voted Capt John Curtis Edward Davis Jacob Warren  
Elisha Corbin and Capt W<sup>m</sup> Carter a Committee of Cores-  
pondance for our Town

5<sup>th</sup>ly voted to adjorn this meeting without Day

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To the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley agreecable to the  
adjournment of our last Town meeting you are hereby Noti-  
fyed to meet at our meeting house in said Town on monday  
the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of September Instant at 4 oclock in the after-  
noon Then and there to act upon the following articals viz

first to choose a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to vote som Instructions to our Representatives Rela-  
tive to his nomanating to the council a Justice of the peace or  
any other officer that may be needed by our Town that is to  
be appointed by said Council

Dated at Dudley the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of Septem<sup>r</sup> anno Domini 1775  
by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis      Town Clerk

Dudley Septem<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1775      by order of the Selectmen  
I have Notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley to  
meet at time and place within mentioned by seting up a Noti-

fycation at the Signe post by our meeting house as usual

Edward Davis      Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Inhabetants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting house on monday the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of September 1775

first voted Capt Curtis moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly voted to Instruct our Representative not to Nominate any person as a Justice of the peace for our Town at present adjourned said meeting without Day

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agreeable to the adjornment of our last Town meeting and Notice given the Town meet at our meeting house on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1775 to vote som instructions to our Representative      Capt Curtis being moderator

first voted to instruct our Representative to use his influence in our general assembly that they joyn with the other three New England assembly in Remonstrating and Petitioning the Honourable Contenantal Congress on account of the late Establishment of the Continantal army in that they have raised the wages of the officers and not given no more encouragement to the Soldery (which heas caused such general uneasiness in said New England) and

secondly that the said Congress would look into the proseedings of the Commissary General and Regulate and alter all matters as shall be for the peace and interests of the Contentant

3<sup>rd</sup>ly voted to adjorn this meeting without Day

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march y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1776      the votes in Dudley for a County Register was 47 and all for m<sup>r</sup> William young of Worcester

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Worcester ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in the County of Worcester Greeting :

you are hereby Directed forthwith to warn and Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting house in said Town on monday the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of march next at nine o clock in the fore noon then and there to act upon the following articals (viz)

first to choose a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to choose Town officers for the Insuing year as the Law Directs

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to see if the Town will let their swine run at large this year

4<sup>th</sup>ly to act Relitive to our highways and highway money as the Town sees fitt

5<sup>th</sup>ly to see if the Town will accept of the Road laid out by the selectmen from mr Eleazer Jacksons into the Road that leads from Robinsons mills to our meeting house

6<sup>th</sup>ly to choose a county Treasurer and a Regester of Deeds for our county

7<sup>th</sup>ly to choose a Committee of Corespondance Inspection and Safety for our Town for the Insuing year

8<sup>th</sup>ly to hear and act upon any petition or petitions that shall be laid before the Town as they see fitt ;

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon unto the selectmen at or before said Day Dated at Dudley afore said this 15<sup>th</sup> Day of February anno : Domini 1776

William Larned	} Selectmen of Dudley
John Curtis	
Joseph Vinton	
Edward Davis	

Worcester ss march ye 4<sup>th</sup> 1776 In obedience to this warrant I have warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley to meet at the time and place appointed by setting up a warrant at the signe post in Dudley

John Curtis Constable of Dudley

at a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting house in Dudley on Monday the fourth Day of march 1776

first voted and Chose major W<sup>m</sup> Larned moderator for said meeting

- 2<sup>nd</sup>ly voted to have five selectmen this year
- 3<sup>rd</sup>ly voted Esq<sup>r</sup> Jid<sup>th</sup> Marcy first selectman
- 4<sup>th</sup>ly voted Cap<sup>t</sup> John Curtis second selectman
- 5<sup>th</sup>ly voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Vinton third selectman
- 6<sup>th</sup>ly voted Edward Davis fourth selectman
- 7<sup>th</sup>ly voted Cap<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Carter fifth selectman
- 8<sup>th</sup>ly voted Edward Davis Town Clerk
- 9<sup>th</sup>ly voted Esq<sup>r</sup> Jed marcy Town Treasurer
- 10<sup>th</sup>ly voted to have three assessors this year
- 11<sup>th</sup>ly voted Joseph Sabin Jun<sup>r</sup> first assessor
- 12<sup>th</sup>ly voted Edward Davis second assessor
- 13<sup>th</sup>ly voted Timothy Foster Jun<sup>r</sup> third assessor
- 14<sup>th</sup>ly voted Samuel Kidder west end constable
- 15<sup>th</sup>ly voted Lt David Keith east end constable
- 16<sup>th</sup>ly voted Samuel Emes & Ralph Vinto wardians
- 17<sup>th</sup>ly voted Moses Jewell & Mark Dodge tything men
- 18<sup>th</sup>ly voted Capt John Curtis culler of shingles and clap-boards
- 19<sup>th</sup>ly voted Andrew Brown Cornet Jonat:Day Lemuel Corbin Ebenezer Amidon John Bacon John Vinton & Moses Jewell surveyors of highways
- 20<sup>th</sup>ly voted that the surveyors be collectors of the highway rates
- 21<sup>st</sup>ly voted Cap<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Carter sealer of weights and measurs
- 22<sup>nd</sup>ly voted Asa Curtis sealer of leather
- 23<sup>rd</sup>ly voted John Delrymbell & Ebenezer White fence viewers
- 24<sup>th</sup>ly voted John Bacon Deer Rieve
- 25<sup>th</sup>ly voted to let our swine run at large this year
- 26<sup>th</sup>ly voted Jesse Sabin Benjamin Edmunds & John Thompson Hog Reives

27<sup>th</sup>ly voted to add £10 to our last years grant of highway money the whole to be assessed this year

28<sup>th</sup>ly voted to have the same worked out at 2 / 6 per Day from the first of may to the first of October

29<sup>th</sup>ly voted to accept of that Road from mr Eleazer Jacksons over westerly into the Road that leads from Robinsons mills to our meeting house

30<sup>th</sup>ly voted Archabald Jewell Jacob Warren Cornet Jonat Day Cap<sup>t</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Healy and Lemuel Corbin a Committee of Correspondance Inspection & Safety for our Town this year

31<sup>st</sup>ly voted and granted Timothy Foster Jun<sup>r</sup> petition for 7 / paid for sawing planks for the Bridge near Lt Fosters

32<sup>nd</sup>ly voted not to grant Ens Jeffords petition

33<sup>rd</sup>ly voted not to act on the petition Relitive to Coburns pue at present

the above officers have taken their oaths

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A Road laid out by the selectmen of Dudley November y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1775 begining by the Road leading from Oxford to Killingley by the line between Eleazor Jacksons and Eliakim Robinsons said Road to be two Rods wide and one Rod on said Eliakim land by the other road and comes into the line between Robinson & Jacksons in about 12 Rods from where it begins by said Road and then by said Robinsons line on Jacksons land to his Norwest corner then to a stake and stones two Rods south of Joseph Carpenters souwest Corner then to a Chesnut tree in a stoney hollow then to a white oak stadle by land of the Heirs of Nathaniel Davis Deceased then to a black burch tree in a stoney run then to a white oak tree two Rods south of William Wakefield south line of his land then to a Chesnut stadle by the Road leading from Robinsons mills to our meeting house in major W<sup>m</sup> Larned land by said Wakefields land two rods as aforesaid Said Road is on Jacksons

*Dudley Town Records, 1775-6.*

Robinsons said Heirs & major W<sup>m</sup> Larneds land and leads westerly and was accepted by the Town march ye 4<sup>th</sup> 1776

Jedidiah Marcy	} Selectmen of Dudley
W <sup>m</sup> Larned	
John Curtis	
Jos: Vinton	
Edward Davis	

Worcester ss to Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in the County of Worcester Greeting you are hereby Directed forthwith to warn & Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley aforesaid quallefied to vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting house in said Town on monday the 27th Day of may Instant at two of the clock in the after noon then and there to act upon the following articals (viz)

first to Choose a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to grant money for schooling for the present year

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to Choose a School Committee to provide schooling this year in our Town

4<sup>th</sup>ly to give our Representative instructions agreeable to the directions of the General Court Reletive to Independants

5<sup>th</sup>ly to hear and act upon any petition or petitions that shall be laid before the Town as they see fitt

and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings there on at or before said Day; Dated at Dudley aforesaid the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of may anno: Domini 1776

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis Town Clerk

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley quallified to vote for a Representative you are alike required to meet at time and place above mentioned in order to choose a Representative to serve for and Represent us at Great and General

Court to be convened & held at the meeting House in Water-town on wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of this Instant may and in their several sessions the Insuing year

Dudley may y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1776

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis      Town Clerk

Dudley may y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> Day 1776      In obedience to this war-rant I have warned all the Freeholders and other Inhabetants of the Town of Dudley to appear at time and place within mentioned by setting up this warrant at the sign post in said Town

p<sup>r</sup> me

David Keith      Constable

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At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabetants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting house in said Town on monday the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of may anno: Domini 1776

first      voted and Chose major William Larned our Representative

2<sup>nd</sup>ly      voted Jedidiah marcy Esq<sup>r</sup> modorator for the Re-mainder of this meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly      voted 50 pounds for schooling this year

4<sup>th</sup>ly      voted Philipp Newell Jacob Chamberlain Lemuel Corbin John Vinton Samuel Palmer John Brackatt & Samuel Waldron as a School Committee to provide schooling in our Town the year insuing

5<sup>th</sup>ly      voted to Instruct our Representative agreeable to the Directions of the General Court Reletive to Independants

6<sup>th</sup>ly      voted not to abate D<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Waldrons minister Rates for the year 1775

7<sup>th</sup>ly      voted to Jedidiah marcy Esq<sup>r</sup> that pue in our meeting house thats between Vintons & Conants pues on the same footing the other pues are granted to others he paying four pounds Lawful money for said pue and Building of it for the

Benefit of William Coburn & famaly to be paid to the Town

Marcy has paid the above four pounds to the Town by  
Necessaries found for Coburn and famaly

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In Congress July 4<sup>th</sup> 1776

A Declaration by the Representatives of the United States  
of America in General Congress Assembled

When in the Course of human Events it becomes necessary  
for one people to dissolve the political Bands which have  
Connected them with another and to assume among the  
powers of the Earth the separate and equal station to which  
the Laws Nature and Natures God entitle them a decent  
Respect to the opinions of Mankind requires that they should  
declare the causes which impel them to the separation

We hold these Truths to be self-evident that all men are  
created equal that they are endowed by their Creator with  
certain unalienable Rights that among these are Life  
Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness that to secure these  
Rights governments are instatuted among men deriving their  
just powers from the consent of the governed that when-  
ever any Form of government becomes distructive of these  
ends it is the Right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and  
to institute new governments laying its Foundation on such  
princeples and organising its powers in such Form as to them  
shall seem moste likely to affect their safety and Happiness.  
Prudence indeed will dictate that governments long established  
should not be changed for light and transent Causes ; and ac-  
cordingly all Experiance hath shewn that Mankind are more  
disposed to suffer while Evils are sufferable then to Right  
themselves by abolishing the Forms to which they are ac-  
customed. But when a long Train of abuses and usurpations  
persuing invariably the same object evinces a Design to reduce  
them under absolute Despotism it is their Right it is their  
Duty to throw off such government and to provide new guards  
for their future security. Such has been the patient sufferance



of these Coloneys and such is now the Necessaty which constrains them to alter their former systems of government. The History of the present King of Great-Brittain is a History of repeated injurys and usurpation all having in direct Object the Establishment of an absolute Tyrant over these States: To prove this let facts be submitted to a canded World.

He has refused his assent to Laws the moste wholesome and Necessary for the publick good

He has forbidden his governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance unless suspended in their operation untill his assent should be obtained; and when so suspended he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accomodation of large Destricts of people unless those would relinquish the Right of Representation in the Legislature a Right inestimable to them and formidable to Tirants only.

He has called together Legislative Bodys at places unusual uncomfortable and distant from the Depository of their publick Records for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compli-ance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative houses repeatedly for opposing with manly Firmuess his Invasions on the Rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time after such Desolutions to cause others to be elected: Whereby the Legislative powers incapable of annihilation have returned to the people at large for their Exercise the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the Dangers of Invasion from without and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of those States; for that Purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturaliza-tion of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither and raising the conditions of new appropri-ations of Lands

He has obstructed the administration of Justice by refusing his assent to Laws for establishing judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependant on his Will alone for the

tenure of their offices and the amount and payment of their salaries

He has erected a multitude of new offices and sent hither swarms of officers to harrass our people and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us in Times of peace standing armies without the consent of our Legislature.

He has affected to render the military independant of and superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our Constitution and unacknowledged by our Laws giving his assent to their acts of pretended Legislation

For quartering large Bodies of armed Troops among us ;

For protecting them by a mock Trial from punishment for any murders which they should commit on the inhabitants of these States :

for cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world

For imposing taxes on us without our consent

For depriving us in many cases of the Benefit of Trial by \*July

For transporting us beyond seas to be tried for pretended offences

For abolishing the free system of English Laws in a neighboring provincē establishing therein an arbitrary government and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an Example and fit Instrument for Introducing the same absolute Rule into these Colonies

For taking away our Charters abolishing our most valuable Laws and altering fundamentally the forms of our governments

For suspending our own Legislatures and Declaring themselves invested with power to legislative for us in all cases whatsoever

He has abdicated government here by declaring us out of his protection and waging war against us

He has plundered our seas ravished our coasts burnt our Towns and destroyed the Lives of our people

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\*Jury doubtless meant.—Ed.

He is at this Time transporting large armies of foreign mercenareis to compleat the works of Death Desolation and Tyrany alreedy begun with cercomstances of cruaulty and perfedly scarcely parelled in the most barbarous ages and totally unworthy the Head of a sivilized Nation

He has constrained our Fellow citizens taken captive on the high seas to bare armes against their Country ; to become the Executionors of their Friends and Brethren or to fall themselves by their Hands

He has excited Domistic Insurrections amongst us and has endeavoured to bring on the Inhabitants of our Frontiers the merceless Indian savages whose known Rule of warfare is an undistinguished Distruction of all ages sexes and conditions

In every stage of the oppressions we have petitioned for Redress in the moste Humble terms : Our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated Injurs ; A prince whose carractor is thus marked be every act which may define a Tirant is unfit to be the Ruler of a free people ;

Nor have we been wanting in attention to our British Bretheren. We have warned from Time to Time of attemp by their Legislature to extend and unwarrantable Jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the cercomstances of our Emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native Justice and magnanimety and we have conjured them by the Ties of our common Kindred to disavow these usurpations which would inevitable interrump our connections and corespondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of Justice and of consanguinity. We must therefore acquiesce in the Necessary which Demands our separation and hold them as we hold the rest of mankind Enemies in war ; in peace Friends :

We therefore the Representatives of the United States of Amarica in General Congress assembled appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the Rectitude of our Intentions do in the name and by the authorety of the good people of these Coloneys Solomly publish and Declare That these united Coloneys are and of Right ought to be free and Inde-

pendant States that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown and that all poletical Connexion between them and the State of great Brittain is and ought to totally dissolved and that as free and Independant States they have full power to levey war conclude peace contract alliances establish commerce and to do all other acts and things which Independant States may of Right do. And for the support of this Declaration with a firm Reliance on the protection of Divine providance we mutually pledge to each other our Lives our Fortunes and our Sacred Honor.

Signed by order and in behalf of the Congress

John Hancock President

Attest

Charles Thompson Secretary

In council July 17<sup>th</sup> 1776.      Ordored that the Declaration of Independance be printed and a Copy sent to the ministers of each parish of every denomination within this State and that they severally be required to read the same to their respective Congregations as soon as divine service is ended in the afternoon on the first Lords Day after they shall have received it and after such publication thereof to deliver the said Declaration to the Clerks of their several Destricts who are hereby required to record the same in their Respective Town or Destrict Books there to remain as a perpetual memorial thereof

In the name and by order of the Council

R. Darby Jun. President

A true Copy      attest

John Avery Dep: Sec'y

Salem massachusetts Bay      printed by E. Russell by order  
of Authoroty

A true Copy of the original Declaration and order of Council

Attest

Edward Davis

Town Clerk

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December y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 1777      the Widow mary Hibberd late wife of Samuel Hibberd of Dudley Deceased made application to the selectmen of Dudley for some Reliefe for her famaly being in a poor and Distressed circumstanc and the selectmen took what Little Estate the said Deceased Died Siezed of into their costaday and let her have the use of the housol stuff for the binefit of the famaly and the rest sold for their support      the whole of the Estate being worth about 20£

Decem<sup>r</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1779      the selectmen lent to the above said Widow Hibberd what there was left of the household stuff of the above estate ; During the pleasure of the Town

Worcester ss      To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in said County Greeting      In the Name of the government and people of the State of massachusetts Bay you or either of you are hereby Directed forthwith to warne all the male Inhabitants (Except Indians and Negroes) of our that are Twenty one years of age or upwards to meet at our meeting house in said Dudley on monday the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of September Iustant at one of the clock in the after noon      then and there to act upon the following articals viz

first      to choose a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly      to act upon the Resolve of the House of Representatives (of the 17<sup>th</sup> Instant) Reletive to a Constitution and forme of government for this State as the Town shall see fitt

3<sup>rd</sup>ly      to vote for a Regester of Deeds and a Treasurer for the County of Worcester aforesaid

and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon unto the selectmen at or before the said Day      Dated at Dudley aforesaid this 27<sup>th</sup> Day of September anno Domini 1776

John Curtis	} Selectmen of Dudley
Edward Davis	
William Carter	

Dudley September y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1776                      In obedience to this  
 within warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of this Town  
 by setting up this warrant at the sign poste in said Town  
 David Keith              Constable

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley  
 Regularly assembled at our meeting house in said Town on  
 Monday the 30th Day of September 1776

first Voted and chose Jedidiah marcy Esq<sup>r</sup> moderator for  
 s<sup>d</sup> meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted to adjorn the second artical in the warrant to  
 Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of october next at four of the clock in the  
 after noon              to which time after acting on the third artical  
 in the warrant this meeting was adjorned.

Agrecable to adjornment met and first voted and chose m<sup>r</sup>  
 Joseph Upham moderator P: T for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly the vote was asked whether the Town would consent  
 to have this present Court come into a Constetution and forme  
 of government for our State and it passed in the Negative  
 unanamously

3<sup>rd</sup> Voted as reasons for not consenting as aforesaid that  
 the town looked upon it that this State had not an equal  
 Representation

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Worcester ss              To Either of the Constables of the Town  
 of Dudley in the County of Worcester Greeting      In the  
 Name of the government and people of the Massachusetts  
 Bay you are hereby Directed forthwith to warne or Notify  
 the freeholder and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley  
 quallified to vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting  
 house in Dudley on monday the third Day of march next at  
 Nine o clock in the forenoon              then and there to act upon  
 the following articals (viz)



first to chuse a moderator for said meeting  
2<sup>nd</sup>ly to chuse Town officers for the Insuing year as the  
Law Directs  
3<sup>rd</sup>ly to see if the Town will let their swine run at larg this  
year  
4<sup>th</sup>ly to grant money to Defray the charges of our highways  
and bridges this year and agree how the same shall be expended  
5<sup>th</sup>ly to chuse a Committee of Corespondance &c for y<sup>e</sup>  
Insuing year  
6<sup>th</sup>ly to see what the Town will Do Reletive to the two  
Bridges over Quinabogg River  
7<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to hear and act upon any petition or  
petitions that shall be laid before them as they see fitt  
here of fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with  
your Doings there on unto the selectmen at or before s<sup>d</sup>  
Day Dated at Dudley this seventeenth Day of February  
anno Domini 1777

John Curtis }  
Joseph Vinton } Selectmen  
Edward Davis } of Dudley

In obedience to this within written warrant I have warned  
the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley  
by setting up this warrant at the sign post in said Town

Dudley march y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Day 1777

p<sup>r</sup> me

David Keith Constable

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At a meeting of the Inhabetants of the Town of Dudley  
Regularly assembled at our meeting house in said Dudley on  
monday the third Day of march AD 1777

first voted Esq<sup>r</sup> marcy moderator for said meeting  
2<sup>nd</sup>ly voted to have five selectmen this year  
3<sup>rd</sup>ly voted Esq<sup>r</sup> marcy first selectman  
4<sup>th</sup>ly voted Edward Davis second selectman  
5<sup>th</sup>ly voted Joseph Healy third selectman

- 6<sup>thly</sup> voted Lt David Keith fourth selectman  
 7<sup>thly</sup> voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Healy fifth selectman  
 8<sup>thly</sup> voted Edward Davis Town Clerk  
 9<sup>thly</sup> voted Esq<sup>r</sup> marcy Town Treasurer  
 10<sup>thly</sup> voted to have the assessors and selectmen chose  
 separate  
 11<sup>thly</sup> voted to have three assessors this year  
 12<sup>thly</sup> voted Edward Davis first assessor  
 13<sup>thly</sup> voted Joseph Sabin Jr second assessor  
 14<sup>thly</sup> voted Lt Foster Jun<sup>r</sup> third assessor  
 15<sup>thly</sup> voted Asa Curtis west end constable  
 16<sup>thly</sup> voted Cornet Jona<sup>t</sup> Day east end constable  
 17<sup>thly</sup> voted John Edmunds & Jothan Taft wardians  
 18<sup>thly</sup> voted John Vinton & Ebenezer White Tything men  
 19<sup>thly</sup> voted Capt Curtis culler of shingles and clapboards  
 20<sup>thly</sup> voted Daniel Newell Lt Foster Jacob Chamberlain  
 Junr Joseph marcy Andrew Brown John Haskell and Lemuel  
 Corbin surveyors of highways  
 21<sup>thly</sup> voted the surveyors of highways be collectors of that  
 Rate  
 22<sup>ndly</sup> voted Capt Carter sealer of weights and measurs  
 23<sup>rdly</sup> voted Asa Curtis sealor of Leather  
 24<sup>thly</sup> voted Jacob Chamberlain Jun<sup>r</sup> & Daniel Shearman  
 fence viewers  
 25<sup>thly</sup> voted to let our swine run at larg this year  
 26<sup>thly</sup> voted William Clark Reubin Chamberlain & David  
 Wakefield Hog Rieves  
 27<sup>thly</sup> voted 80 pounds to Defray the charges of our high-  
 ways and Bridges this year  
 28<sup>thly</sup> voted that the same shall be worked out at 2 / 6 per  
 Day from the first of may to the first of october next  
 29<sup>thly</sup> voted Capt Curtis Jacob Warren Archabald Jewell  
 Lt Foster Junr and Lemuel Corbin a Committee of Core-  
 spondence &c  
 30<sup>thly</sup> voted to accept of a Road through Lt Putneys &  
 Obadiah Sabins land to Charlton line if a be free of charge to  
 the Town for the Land &c

31<sup>st</sup>ly voted to make bothe Bridges over Quinabogg River  
Cart Bridges

32<sup>nd</sup>ly voted to grant Samuel Kidders and others petition to  
have Innoculation for the small pox set up in our Town and to  
be under the Directions and care of the selectmen

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A highway laid out by the selectmen of Dudley January  
y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1777      begining by the Road near Ezekial Hoveys  
house by land of Lt Eleazer Putneys then runing Norwesterly  
on the west side of a wall and so strate to a brook then about  
North on the west side of a wall and said Putneys mill-house  
till it comes into his paster and then Norwesterly on the East-  
erly side of the wall through said Putneys land to m<sup>r</sup> Obadiah  
Sabins land then westerly as the lain is now fensed (saveing  
it going a cross the corner of sd Sabins orchard) till it comes  
to his house then turning about Norwest till it comes to Charl-  
ton line and then the Road is laid out by Charlton selectmen  
westerly and it comes into Dudley a few Rods to Escape a  
ledge of rock      all said Road is on said Putneys & Sabins  
land and two rods wide

this Road was brought before the Town in their anual  
meeting in march 1777 and accepted

Jedidiah marcy	{	Selectmen of Dudley
John Curtis		
Edward Davis		

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Agreable to a late act of the General Court of the State of  
the massachusetts Bay Intitled an act to prevent monopoly and  
oppression we the Subscribers have affixed the prices to the  
following articals which is to be their prise in Dudley in the  
County of Worcester in s<sup>d</sup> State (viz) farmers Labour in the  
middle of the summer that is to say from the middle of June  
to the middle of August at 3 / per Day and the other parts of

the summer season at 2 / 8 p<sup>r</sup> Day and in April may September and October at 2 / 4 per Day and for the rest of the year 1 / 8 per Day

the prises of Entertainment for man and Beast (viz) for a meal of biled and Rosted victuals 1 / and a meal of Common pot-luk 9<sup>d</sup> for a man and all other Eating to be in proportion to their quantaty & quallity agreeable to the usual customs to a mug of good phlip made with west india Rum 1 / and of New England rum 9<sup>d</sup> and all other Liquors to be in proportion for good lodging 3<sup>d</sup> per Night for one person for keeping a horse a Night or 24 hours on the best of English hay 1 / for keeping a pair of grone oxen Dito 1 / 4 and on hay of a meaner quality in proportion and all other keeping of all sorts to be in proportion

Blacksmiths work (viz) for shoeing of a horse all Round Stealed at heel and toe 5 / 6 and for plane shoing 4 / 3 and for plow irons of the largest Size 9<sup>d</sup> per <sup>lb</sup> and those of the smallest size 11<sup>d</sup> per <sup>lb</sup> and all other Blacksmiths work to be in proportion and all other Tradsmens work to be in proportion to farmers Labour saving the addition of their Extreordinary Cost for Stock and tools more than formerly

The farmers produce (viz) good marchantabe wheat 6 / 8 per bushil good marchantable Rie 4 / & good marchantable Indian Corn 3 / per bushil good peas 7 / & good white beans 6 / and good otes 1 / 8 and good potatoes 1 / per bushil in the fall of the year and 1 / 6 per bushil in the Spring of the year good clean flax sead 6 / 4 per bushil English hay of the Best quallety in the winter or Spring 2 / 4 per hundred and other hay in proportion to its quallety and same proportion in other parts of the year good well fated fresh pork 4<sup>d</sup> pr <sup>lb</sup> and good clear salt pork 8 / 8 per <sup>lb</sup> the best of grass fead Beef 3<sup>d</sup> per <sup>lb</sup> and that of a meaner quality in proportion the best of Newmilke chese 6<sup>d</sup> per <sup>lb</sup> and that of meaner quallety in proportion good Butter 10<sup>d</sup> per <sup>lb</sup> by the single <sup>lb</sup> and 9<sup>d</sup> per <sup>lb</sup> by the firking good mutton or Lamb 3<sup>d</sup> 1 / 2 & good veal 3<sup>d</sup> per <sup>lb</sup> good tryed tallow 8<sup>d</sup> per <sup>lb</sup> good sheeps wool 2 / per <sup>lb</sup> & good well Drest flax 1 / per <sup>lb</sup> good

yarn stockings 6 / pr pair      good shoes for men 8 / per pair  
 good shoes for women 6 / per pair      and all other shoes to  
 be in proportion to their size & quallity      tow cloth of the  
 best sort yard wide 2 / 3 per y<sup>d</sup> and all other tow cloth in  
 proportion to its width and quallity and the prices of homemade  
 Linings to be in proportion according to their goodness      good  
 yard wide striped flanings 3 / 4 per yard and all other flanings  
 to be in proportion to their width and quallity      Cotton and  
 Lining Cloth of the Common sort 3 / 4 per yard and all other  
 Cotton Cloths to be in proportion to their width and qual-  
 lity      good Deap Blew fulled & Dyed all wool Cloth 3 / 4 of  
 a yard wide 12 / per yard and all other all wool Cloths to be  
 in proportion to their width and quallity      Raw Hides 3<sup>d</sup>  
 per <sup>lb</sup>      Raw Calfskins 6<sup>d</sup> per <sup>lb</sup>      Soleather 1 / 4 per <sup>lb</sup> and  
 Curried Leather in proportion      and all other articals not  
 annumerated to be sold in proportion to these artical above  
 annumerated according to the former Customs

Dudley march ye 6<sup>th</sup> 1777

John Curtis	}	Committee
Jacob Warren		
Archabald Jewell		
Timothy Foster J <sup>r</sup>		
Lemuel Corbin		

Jedidiah Marcy	}	Selectmen of Dudley
Edward Davis		
Joseph Healy		
David Keith		
Nathaniel Healy		

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To the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of  
 Dudley qualified to vote in Town affairs Gentlemen      you  
 are hereby Notified and warned to meet at our meeting house  
 in said Dudley on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of April Instant at  
 three O clock in the afternoon      then and there to act upon  
 the following articals (viz)

first to choose a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to see if the Town will grant money for to give to our soldiers a further Incouragement than what is provided if they will Enlist for us During the present war or for three years or so or act thereon as the Town sees fitt

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to see if the Town will not as a Town Do all that they can to Carry that Law into Execution that was lately made by the General Court prevent monopoly and oppression and to act Reletive there to as they see fitt

4<sup>th</sup>ly to hear and act upon any petition or petitions that shall be laid before them as the Town sees fitt

Dated at Dudley this twelveth Day of Aprel anno Domini 1777

Dudley April y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1777 I have warn'd and Notified the within Named Inhabitants to meet at time and place within mentioned by setting up this warrant at the sign post in Dudley as usual

by order of the selectmen

Edward Davis Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at onr meeting House in Dudley on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of April anno Domini 1777

first voted major Larned moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly voted to give to each soldier that will enlîst for us During the present war or for three years 20£ over and above the Bounty before provided

3<sup>rd</sup>ly voted major Larned Esq<sup>r</sup> marcy & Deacon Davis a Committee to Raise the money and to pay to each soldier that shall enlist as above said 20£ and the Town will grant assess and pay the sums the said Committee have paid out with Interest from the time they pay it till they are paid

4<sup>th</sup>ly voted to do their Indeavour to carry the act of the General Court for to prevent monopoly and oppression in to Execution

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Worcester ss        to Either of the constables of the Town of  
Dudley in the County of Worcester Greeting        In the Nam  
of the government and people of the massachusetts Bay you  
are Either of you are hereby Directed forthwith to warne all  
the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley  
qualified to vote for a Representative

To meet at our meeting house in said Dudley on Tuesday  
the 20<sup>th</sup> day of this Instant May at 3 o Clock in the afternoon  
then and there to act upon the following articals viz

first to Elect and Depute one or more persons to serve for  
and Represent us at the Great & General Court to be held at  
the State House in Boston on the last wednesday of may In-  
stant and so during the session or sessions as shall be agreed  
upon by said Court

2<sup>ndly</sup> to Chuse a moderator for the Remaining part of  
said meeting

3<sup>rdly</sup> for the Town to Choose a Committee to provide  
schooling the insuing year

4<sup>thly</sup> to see if the Town will Choose a Committee to build  
the two Bridges over Quinabog River or act there on as they  
see fitt

5<sup>thly</sup> to hear and act upon any petition or petitions that  
shall be laid before the Town as they see fitt

hereof fail not and make due Return of this warrant with  
your Doings there on unto the Selectmen at or before said  
day        Dated at Dudley aforesaid the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of may in the  
year of our Lord 1777

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis        Town Clerk

Dudley may y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1777        In obedience to this warrant I  
have warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town  
of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned by  
setting up this warrant at the sign post in Dudley according  
to the usual Costom of this Town

Asa Curtis        Constable

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting house in Dudley on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of may anno Domini 1777

first voted major W<sup>m</sup> Larned & Edward Davis Representatives

2<sup>nd</sup>ly voted major Larned moderator for the Remaining part of this meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly voted Joseph Sabin J<sup>r</sup> John Warren Philip Newell Josiah Hovey Lemuel Corbin Ens Jackson & Thomas Cheney a School Committee to provide schooling in our Town the insuing year

4<sup>th</sup>ly voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Vinton m<sup>r</sup> Edward Inman & Cap<sup>t</sup> m<sup>o</sup>rriss a Committee to build the two Bridges over Quinabogg River

Worcester ss To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in the County of Worcester Greeting In the Name of the Government & people of the massachusetts Bay you are Required forthwith to warne the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley qualafyed to vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting house in said Dudley on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of July next at one oClock in the after noon then and there to act upon the following articals (viz)

first to Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to act further Reletive to the monopoly act as the Town sees fitt by Choosing a Committee &c

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to grant School money for the present year

4<sup>th</sup>ly to give our Representatives further Instructions

5<sup>th</sup>ly to act Reletive to the tory act as the Town thinks best

6<sup>th</sup>ly to see if the Town will Reconsider there vote in march last for to build two Cart bridges over Quinabogg River or further to act thereon as the Town sees fitt

7<sup>th</sup>ly to hear and act upon any petition or pettitions that shall be laid before the Town as they see fitt

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with

your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the  
said        Dated at Dudley aforesaid the twenty fourth Day of  
June anno Domini 1777

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis        Town Clerk

Worcester ss        July y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1777

In obedience to the within written warrant I have warned  
the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley  
to meet at time and place for the bisness within mentioned

Jonathan Day        Constable

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley  
Regularly assembled at our meeting house in said Town on  
Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of July 1777

first voted & Chose Jedidiah Marcy Esq<sup>r</sup> moderator for  
said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly voted to pass by the 2<sup>nd</sup> artical in the warrant

3<sup>rd</sup>ly voted 80<sup>£</sup> for to defray the charge of schooling this  
year

4<sup>th</sup>ly voted Cap<sup>t</sup> John Curtis m<sup>r</sup> Jacob Warren Joseph  
Sabin Jr John<sup>r</sup> Haskel & Eleazer Jackson a Committee  
to draw further Instructions for our Representatives

5<sup>th</sup>ly voted to pass by the 5<sup>th</sup> artical in the warrant

6<sup>th</sup>ly voted to pass by the 6<sup>th</sup> artical in the warrant

7<sup>th</sup>ly voted to have a Cow purchesed for mr Benj<sup>a</sup> Davis  
& famalys use

8<sup>th</sup>ly voted not to grant Josiah Browns petition for the  
abatement of his minister Rate for the year 1776

9<sup>th</sup>ly voted and accepted the Committees Draft of Instruc-  
tions to our Representatives

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Worcester ss        To Either of the Constables of the Town  
of Dudley in said County Greeting        you are hereby Di-

rected forthwith to warn or Notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley to meet at our meeting house in said Town on Fryday the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of this Instant Novem<sup>r</sup> at ten of the clock in the fore noon then and there to act upon the following articals (viz)

first to Choose a moderator for s<sup>d</sup> meeting

Secondly for the Town to Shew their opineon Reletive to the proceedings of the General Court in Loaning our states money and Do and act thereon as the Town thinks best

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to see what measures the Town will come into to provide for the soldiers famalys agreeable to the order of the General Court

4<sup>th</sup>ly to see if the Town will Recommend some person to the Honorable Council for them (if they see fitt) to appoint as a Justice of the peace in our Town

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon at or before said Day

Dated at Dudley aforesaid the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of November anno Domini 1777

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis Town Clerk

November 21<sup>th</sup> 1777 In obedience to this warrant I have posted the same at the sign post as usual

Asa Curtis Constable

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting House in Dudley on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of November 1777

first voted and Chose Jedidiah marcy Esq<sup>r</sup> moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly voted unanamusly that they was Dessatisfyed with the proceedings of the General Court in Loaning our states money

3<sup>rd</sup>ly voted their Consent to have all the states money not

on Interest small change less than a Dollar Excepted to be Immediately called in by one Tax and burnt

4<sup>thly</sup> voted to Chuse a Committee to provide for the soldiars famalys agreeable to the late acts of the general for that purpose

5<sup>thly</sup> voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Upham Ens Ebenezer Amidon & Jacob Chamberlain Jun<sup>r</sup> a Committee to provid for said famalys

7<sup>thly</sup> voted to recommend Jedidiah marcy Esq<sup>r</sup> to the Honorable Council for them (if they see fitt) to appoint as a Justice of the peace in our Town

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Worcester ss            To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in said County            In the Name of the government & people of the State of massachusetts Bay you are Required forthwith to warne & Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley quallified to vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting house in said Dudley on monday the twenty sixth 26<sup>th</sup> Day of this Instant January at one of the clock in the after noon            then and there to act upon the following articals (viz)

first to Choose a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>ndly</sup> to see if the Town tax themselves for the whole of their proportion of this states money or any part of it            agreeable to an act of General Court

3<sup>rdly</sup> to here and act upon any petition or petitions that may be laid before them

hereof fail not as you will answer your defect at the perril of the Law            and make due Return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto us the Subscribers            given under our hands & seal at Dudley this twelfth Day of January 1778

Jedidiah marcy	} Selectmen of Dudley
David Keith	
Nathaniel Healy	

Dudley January y<sup>e</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1778

In obedience to this warrant I have posted the same at the time and place as usual

Asa Curtis            Constable

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting house in said Town on monday the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1778

first voted Esq<sup>r</sup> marcy moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly voted to tax themselves 791-1-1-3 to be collected and put upon Loan for the benefet of the Town agreeable to a late act of the General Court

3<sup>rd</sup>ly voted to grant the petition of William Larned & others concerning Strips of land in our Town that there is no proper owners to it as we know of and to chose a Committee to Inquire into the same and make reporte to the Town

4<sup>th</sup>ly voted Elisha Corbin Jacob Warren & Elijah gore s<sup>d</sup> Committee

Worcester ss To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in the County aforesaid Greeting In the Name of the government & people of massachusetts Bay you are hereby Directed forthwith to Warne or Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley to meet at our meeting house in said Dudley on monday the second Day of march next at nine o clock in the fore noon then and there to act upon the following articals (viz)

first to Choose a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to Choose Town officers & Committees for the insuing year as usual

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to see if the Town will let there swine run at large this year

4<sup>th</sup>ly to see if the Town will accept of the Road Laid out by the Selectmen for Ens Nathan Jeffords

5<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to act upon the Constitution if they see fitt or adorne the meeting for that purpose

6<sup>th</sup>ly to grant money for our highways and bridges and agree how the same shall be Expended

7<sup>th</sup>ly to here the Reporte of the Committee Chosen y<sup>e</sup> 26<sup>th</sup>



Day of January last concerning Strips of Land in this Town  
& act there on as the Town shall see fitt

8<sup>thly</sup> for the Town to here and act upon any petition or  
petitions that shall be laid before them as they think best

here of fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with  
your Doings thereon at or before the said Day

Dated at Dudley afore said the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of February anno  
Domini 1778

Jedidiah marcy	} Selectmen of Dudley
Edward Davis	
David Keith	
Nathaniel Healy	

Dudley march y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 1778 In obedience to this warrant  
I have posted the same at the time & place as usual  
Asa Curtis Constable of Dudley

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley  
Regularly assembled at our meeting house in said Town on  
monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of march anno Domini 1778

- first voted Jedidiah marcy Esq<sup>r</sup> moderator for said meeting
- 2<sup>ndly</sup> voted to have 5 Selectmen this year
- 3<sup>rdly</sup> voted Jedidiah marcy Esq first Selectman
- 4<sup>thly</sup> voted Edward Davis Second Selectman
- 5<sup>thly</sup> voted Joseph Healy third Selectman
- 6<sup>thly</sup> voted Lt David Keith fourth Selectman
- 7<sup>thly</sup> voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Healy fifth Selectman
- 8<sup>thly</sup> voted Edward Davis Town Clerk
- 9<sup>thly</sup> voted Jedidiah marcy Town Treasurer
- 10<sup>thly</sup> voted to have 3 Assessors this year
- 11<sup>thly</sup> voted Edward Davis first Assessor
- 12<sup>thly</sup> voted Joseph Sabin Jr Second Assessor
- 13<sup>thly</sup> voted Lt Tim<sup>o</sup> Foster Jr third Assessor
- 14<sup>thly</sup> voted Jacob Chamberlain Jun<sup>r</sup> west end Constable
- 15<sup>thly</sup> voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Benj<sup>a</sup> morriss East end Constable
- 16<sup>thly</sup> voted Joseph Sabin Jr & Lt mark Elwell wardians

17<sup>th</sup>ly voted Joseph Keith & Jeremiah Haskell Tything men  
 18<sup>th</sup>ly voted Cap<sup>t</sup> John Curtis Culler of Shingles & Clapboards

19<sup>th</sup>ly voted to continue the same persons as Surveyors of highways and Collectors of the highway rates that was Chosen last year

20<sup>th</sup>ly voted Cap<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Carter Sealer of weights & measurs

21<sup>st</sup>ly Voted Asa Curtis Sealer of Leather

22<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted Ens Eleazer Jackson & Moses Jewell fence viewers

23<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted to let our swine run at large this year

24<sup>th</sup>ly Voted William Brown William Carter Jr & Jeremiah Haskel hog reives

25<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Capt Curtis Jacob Warren Joseph Upham Lemuel Corbin and Tim<sup>o</sup> Foster Jun<sup>r</sup> Committee of Correspondance &c

26<sup>th</sup>ly Voted 50 pounds to Defray the Charges of our highways and bridges this year

27<sup>th</sup>ly Voted that the same shall be worked out as the Selectmen shall order

the aforesaid officers are sworn

then Adjorned the (Remaining part of the) meeting to monday the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of this Instant march at one o Clock in the afternoon

march y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1778 mett agreeable to adjornment and first voted and Accepted of a Road laid out by the Selectmen for Ens Nathan Jeffords from his house to the Road leading from our meeting house to Robinsons mills

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted to accept of the Committees Reporte Relitive to strips of Land &c

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted that the said lands shall be taxed to the owners &c

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted not to grant m<sup>r</sup> Jacob Chamberlains petition praying to have his poll Exempted from taxes

5<sup>th</sup>ly voted to put over the artical upon y<sup>e</sup> Constitution to / may meeting

A Road Laid out by the Selectmen for Ens Nathan Jeffords begining at his Dwelling house and from thence it runs East about 24 rods then Southerly about 30 rods on said Jeffords land to a Stake and Stones then East to a white oake tree marked by the road where is now trod then southerly a straight line to the Road that leads from our meeting House to Robinsons mills to a Stake and Stones two Rods East of Ens Eleazer Jacksons Norwest Corner Said Road is on the west side of said bounds and is to be one Rode & a half wide

Dudley February y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1778

Jedidiah marcy	} Selectmen of Dudley
Joseph Healy	
Nathaniel Healy	

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Worcester ss To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in said County Greeting In the Name of the government & people of the Massachusetts Bay you are Either of you are Requested forthwith to warne or Notify all the Male Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley that are free and Twenty one years of age to meet at our meeting House in said Town on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> Instant may at one o Clock in y<sup>e</sup> afternoon then and there to act upon the following articals (viz)

first to Elect & Depute a person or persons to Represent us at the General Court to be holden at the State House in Boston on wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of this Instant may and so from time to time During the Session or Sessions the insuing year

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to Choose a Moderator for the Remaining part of said meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to grant money for Schooling & other Necessary Charges for the year Insuing

4<sup>th</sup>ly to Choose a School Committee to provide Schooling y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing

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5<sup>thly</sup> to act upon the Constitution or form of government  
 6<sup>thly</sup> for the Town to act upon any petition or petitions  
 that shall be laid before them as they see fitt

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this warrant with  
 your doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the said  
 day Dated at Dudley aforesaid the Seventh Day of may  
 anno Domini 1778

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis Town Clerk

Dudley may y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1778 In obedience to the within  
 warrant I have Notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Dud-  
 ley to meet at time and place within mentioned by setting up  
 this warrant at the meeting house

Benjamin morriss Constable of Dudley

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley  
 Regularly assembled at our Meeting House in Dudley on  
 Thursday y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Day of may anno Domini 1778

first Voted Jedidiah Marcy Esq<sup>r</sup> our Representative

2<sup>ndly</sup> Voted Esq<sup>r</sup> Marcy moderator for the remainder of  
 said meeting

3<sup>rdly</sup> Voted a 100£ for Schooling the year insuing

4<sup>thly</sup> Voted 1010£ for other Necessary Charges of the  
 Town (viz) for the Cost of hireing men in to the army and  
 for cost of procuring Cloths for the Soldrey and Necessares  
 for their families and for the common Town cost and Charges

5<sup>thly</sup> Voted Lt Timothy Foster Senor Lt Jonah Wood  
 Daniel Newell John Curtis Jun<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Stone Jo-  
 siah Conant & Cornet Day a School Committee to provide  
 Schooling y<sup>e</sup> current year

6<sup>thly</sup> Voted unanimously against the Constitution there  
 being 60 acted

October y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1778                      Elizabeth Jewell threw herselfe  
upon the Town for maintainance

November y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> 1778                      Moses Jewell Engaged to pay  
all the Cost the Town had been at in the support of the said  
Elisabeth in her life time and for her funeral Charges and the  
Selectmen gave him orders to take her things that she left to  
Enable him to fullfil his Engagements

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Worcester ss                      To Either of the Constables of the Town  
of Dudley in said County Greeting                      In the Name of the  
government and people of the Massachusetts Bay in New  
England                      you or either of you are Required forthwith to  
warne or Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the  
Town of Dudley aforesaid quallified to vote in Town affairs  
to meet at our Meeting House in said Town on Monday the  
23<sup>rd</sup> Day of this Instant November at one o Clock in y<sup>e</sup> after  
noon                      then aud there to act upon the following articals (viz)



first to Chuse a moderator for said meeting  
2<sup>nd</sup>ly to grant money to Defray the Necessary Charges in  
our Town the Currant year

3<sup>rd</sup>ly for the Town to act Relitive to mr Gleasons wood as  
they see fitt

4<sup>th</sup>ly to hear and act upon any petition or petitions that  
shall be laid before the Town as they see caus

here of fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with  
your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the said  
Day                      Dated at Dudley Aforesaid the Ninth Day of Novem-  
ber Anno Domini 1778

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis                      Town Clerk

Dudley November y<sup>e</sup> 23 Day 1778

In obedience to this Warrant I have warned the Inhabitants  
of the Town of Dudley to meet at the time and place within  
mentioned by Siting this warrant up at the usual place

by me Jacob Chamberlain                      Constable

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting House on monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of November AD 1778

first Voted and Chose Jedidiah marcy Esq moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted £200 for to Defray the Necessary Charges in our Town the currant year

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted £60 for mr gleasons wood this year meaning 40 / per Cord

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate m<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Jewells Rates in Asa Curtises List for the year 1777 for his own poll being 28 /

March y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1779 mary Cortiss threw her selfe upon the Town of Dudley for maintainance

Worcester ss To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in the County of Worcester Greeting In the Name of the government and people of the Massachusetts Bay in New England you or either of you are hereby Directed forthwith to Warne or Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley quallified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at our Meeting House in said Dudley on monday the first Day of march next at Nine o Clock in the fore noon then and there to act upon the following articals (viz)

first to Choose a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to Choose Town officers & Committees for the In-suing year as the Law Directs

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to see, if the Town will let their swine run at large this year

4<sup>th</sup>ly to act Relative to the highways & granting money therefor as the Town sees fitt

5<sup>th</sup>ly to act Relative to the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Gleasons last years salary as the Town thinks best





6<sup>th</sup>ly to see if the Town will set off mr Jacob Warren and others as a school ward by them selves and let them Draw their school money

7<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to act upon any petition or petition that shall be laid before them as they see fitt

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings there on unto the Selectmen at or before the said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid the fifteenth Day of February Anno Domini 1779

Edward Davis	} Selectmen of Dudley
Joseph Healy	
Nathaniel Healy	

Dudley march y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1779 In obedience to this warrant I have put it up at the usual place of posting warrants  
Benj<sup>a</sup> Morriss Constable

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At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley assembled at our Meeting House in said Dudley on monday the first Day of march AD 1779

- first Voted Esq<sup>r</sup> Marcy moderator for said meeting
- 2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted to have five Selectmen this year
- 3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted William Larned first Selectman
- 4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Edward Davis second Selectman
- 5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Joseph Healy third Selectman
- 6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Nathaniel Healy fourth Selectman
- 7<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Jonathan Day fifth Selectman
- 8<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Edward Davis Town Clerk
- 9<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Jedidiah Marcy Esq<sup>r</sup> Town Treasurer
- 10<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to have three Assessors this year
- 11<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Edward Davis first Assessor
- 12<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Joseph Sabin J<sup>r</sup> second Assessor
- 13<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Timothy Foster J<sup>r</sup> third Assessor
- 14<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Obadiah Sabin west end Constable
- 15<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Joseph Keith east end Constable
- 16<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Jonah Wood & John Edmunds wardians

- 17<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Mark Elwell & Asa Curtis tything men
- 18<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Josiah Hovey Culler of Shingles and Clapboards
- 19<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Nathaniel Clark Joseph Upham J<sup>r</sup> Nathan Jeffords John Curtis J<sup>r</sup> John Bracket Thomas Cheney and John Vorce highway Surveyors
- 20<sup>th</sup>ly Voted William Carter Sealer of weights and measures
- 21<sup>st</sup>ly Voted John Vorce Sealer of Leather
- 22<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted John Wakefield & Shadrach Smith fence viewers
- 23<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted to let our Swine run at large this year
- 24<sup>th</sup>ly Voted John White & Daniel Sabin hog Reives
- 25<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Jedidiah Marcy Esq Elijah gore Joseph Vinton Lemuel Corbin & John Curtis Jun<sup>r</sup> Committee of Correspondance &c
- 26<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Daniel Newell Moses Jewell & Ebenezer Foster a Committee to provide for the Soldiars famalies
- 27<sup>th</sup>ly Voted two hundred pounds in addition to what was granted last year to Defray the Charges of our highways & Bridges this year
- 28<sup>th</sup>ly Voted that the same shall be worked out at 30 / p<sup>r</sup> Day by the first of October next
- 29<sup>th</sup>ly Voted that the Surveyors of highways be Collectors of that Rate
- 30<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to put over the fifth artical to next may meeting
- 31<sup>st</sup>ly Voted not to grant a School ward to m<sup>r</sup> Jacob Warren and others
- 32<sup>nd</sup>ly on the petition of Josiah Harris Esq and Shadrach Smith praying that they and others might be Excused from ministearil Taxes Voted that if any person or persons shall make it appear to this Town by a publick Sollom Declarition at any legal Town meeting that it is contrary to their opinion and against the Dictates of their Conscience to pay taxes towards the maintainance of the standing order or Congregational Ministers or for building or Repairing meeting Houses or settlements for such ministers they shall be Excused from such

taxes for the future unless they or any of em should alter their opinion and consent to be taxed as aforesaid

33<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted not to abate Esq Harress minister Rates for the time past

34<sup>th</sup>ly Voted not to abate Shadrach Smiths minister Rates for the time past

35<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate Esq John Fenner last year minister Rates

36<sup>th</sup>ly Voted not to abate m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Dodges poll from taxes  
The above Said officers Sworn

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Worcester ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in said County Greeting



In the Name of the governmend and people of the Massachusetts you or Either of you are hereby Directed forthwith to warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town quallified to Vote for a Represen to meet at our meeting house in said Town on Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of may Instant at one o Clock in the after noon then and there to act upon the following articals (viz)

first to Elect and Depute a person or persons to Represent us at the Great and General Court the year Insuing agreeable to the process to us Directed there for

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to Choose a moderator for the remainder of S<sup>d</sup> meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to act Relative to a New Constitution & form of government as the Town Sees fitt

4<sup>th</sup>ly to grant money for Necessary Chargs or agree how to furnish the Town therewith as the Town thinks best

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the said 20<sup>th</sup> Day of this Instant may Dated at Dudley aforesaid this 5<sup>th</sup> Day of may Anno Domini 1779

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis

Town Clerk

Worcester ss , Dudley may 20th 1779

In obedience to

*Dudley Town Records, 1779.*

this warrant I have warned the Inhabitants to meet at time and place within mentioned by seting this warrant up at the usual place in Dudley

Joseph Keith      Constable

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting house in said Town on Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of may Anno Domini 1779

first Voted and Chose Edward Davis Representative

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted major Larned moderator for the Remainder of s<sup>d</sup> meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted to have a New Constitution    76 being present & vcting

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Not to Impower our Representative to Vote for the Calling a State convention for y<sup>e</sup> forming s<sup>d</sup> Constitution

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted for to have the money (that was granted and assessed for to pay the money hired last may for to pay the solders with) takien and used for other Necessary Charges in the Town

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Worcester ss . To either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in the said County of Worcester Greeting

In the Name of the government and people of Massachusetts Bay you or Either of you are hereby Directed forthwith to warn or Notify all the Freemen Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley who is twenty one years of age to meet at our meeting house in said Town on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of August Instant at one o Clock in the after noon      then and there to act upon the following articals viz

first to Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to Elect one or more persons to Represent us in a State Convention to meet at Cambridge on the first Day of



September next for the sole purpose of framing a New Constitution; and to give them proper Instructions &c

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to act upon the Doings of the Convention of Committees that met at Concord the 14th Day of July last as the Town Sees fitt

4<sup>th</sup>ly to grant money for the hire of soldiars & other Necessary Charges

5<sup>th</sup>ly to grant money for Schooling the Currant year

6<sup>th</sup>ly to Chuse a School Committee to provide schooling this year

7<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to Chuse a Committee or Committees to ajust the proceedings of the Town & militia officers since the war or act thereon as they think best

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid this third Day of August Anno Domini 1779

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis Town Clerk

In obedience to the within warrant I have warned all the freeman Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley by setting this warrant up at the time and place as is usual

Dudley August y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1779

p<sup>r</sup> Joseph Keith Constable

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At a meeting of the freemen Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting House in said Town on Tuesday y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Day of August AD 1779

first Voted William Larned Esq moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Upham a Deligate to Represent us at the Convention to meet at Cambridge on the first Day of September next for the sole purpose of framing a new Constitution

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted Jacob Warren Joseph Vinton Joseph Sabin Jr Elisha Corbin & Cornet Day a Committee to Draw

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Instructions for our Deligate and Reporte to the Town said Draft for them to act thereon

then the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of August Instant at one o Clock in the afternoon persisely met according to adjournment &

first Voted to accept of the Draft of Instructions as a mended

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted m<sup>r</sup> Jacob Warren our Deligate to Represent us at the Convention to be held at Concord on the first Wednesday of October next to Regulate prices of articals &c

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted £3060 to pay the hire of our 6 Continantal Soldars that marched last July

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted that any person or persons may pay their part and proportion of said sum either in money or in Rie at £5 2<sup>s</sup> per bushel which they Choose

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted £1000 for schooling the Current year

6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Jacob Chamberlain Jr major Healy Lt Jonah Wood Cap<sup>t</sup> Morriss Mark Dodge Cornet Day & m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Vinton a School Committee for the Current year

7<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to have a Committee Chosen to Call upon the militia officers to shew how all the fines they have Collected from the people of our Town sence the war has been appropriated and to make Report to the Town

8<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Esq<sup>r</sup> Marcy m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Vinton m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Newell m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Upham & Edward Davis s<sup>d</sup> Committee



Worcester ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in the County of Worcester Greeting In the name of the government and people of the massachusetts Bay in New England you or Either of you are hereby Directed forthwith to warne or Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Quallified to vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting House in said Town on monday the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of this Instant October at two o Clock in the afternoon then and there to act upon the following articals (viz)



first to Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to grant money to Defray the Necessary Charges in the Town the Currant year

3<sup>rd</sup>ly for the Town to hear and act upon any petition or petitions that shall be laid before them as they see fit

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings there on unto the Selectmen at or before said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid this 4<sup>th</sup> Day of october anno Domini 1779

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis Town Clerk

In obedience to the within warrant I have warn<sup>d</sup> the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Quallified to vote in Town affairs to meet at time and place within mentioned by sitting this warrant up at the time and place as is usual

Dudley October 18<sup>th</sup> 1779

p<sup>r</sup> me Jos Keith Constable

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting House on monday the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of October Anno Domini 1779

first Voted & Chose major W<sup>m</sup> Larned moderator for said meeting and then adjourned to Thursday next at two o Clock in the after noon

met according to adjournment and

Voted £700 to Defray the Necessary Charges in our Town the Currant year

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June 26<sup>th</sup> 1779 the Town being together at a training to procure 6 men for nine months to reinforce the continental army the people being a minde said men should be hired by a tax the Selectmen Notified the people to repaire into the

meeting house to act thereon & upon their being assembled they

Voted that William Larned Joseph Vinton Edward Davis & Nathaniel Healy with the militia officers should be a committee to hire said six men upon the best terms they could

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Worcester ss

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in the County of Worcester Greeting In the Name of the government and people of the massachusetts Bay you or Either of you are hereby Directed to warne or Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Dudley Quallified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting House in said Town on monday the thirteenth Day of December next at one o Clock in the afternoon then and there to act upon the following articals (viz)

first to Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly for the Town to act Relative to m<sup>r</sup> gleasons salary and wood as they think best and to grant money for the same if they see fitt or act otherwise as the Town shall agree

3<sup>rd</sup>ly for the Town to grant money for other Necessary Charges if they see fitt

4<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to act Relative to the Continental Soldiars hire or the Rie tax as they shall agree

5<sup>th</sup>ly to hear and act upon any petition or petitions that shall be laid before the Town as they see fitt

Hereof fail not and make Due Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before said Day

Dated at Dudley aforesaid the twenty third Day of November Anno Domini 1779

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis Town Clerk

In obedience to the within warrant I have warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Quallified to vote in Town affairs to meet at time and place within

mentioned by setting this warrant up at the time and place as is usual

p<sup>r</sup> me      Joseph Keith      Constable  
Dudley December ye 13<sup>th</sup> 1779

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At a Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting House in Dudley on monday the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1779

first Voted major Larned moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted £800 for m<sup>r</sup> gleasons salary this year & m<sup>r</sup> gleason accepted of it in full for this year & agreed to risk the fall of money

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted £160 for m<sup>r</sup> gleasons wood this year and mr gleason agreead to take his salary the old way in any of the Necessaries of life if any persons pleased to pay it so and his wood as usual

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted £400 for other Necessary Charges the Currant year

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to put the fourth artical over to march meating

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Worcester SS

To Either of y<sup>e</sup> Constables of the Town of Dudley in Said County greeting      In the Name of the government and people of the massachusetts Bay in New England you or Either of you are hereby Directed forthwith to warn or Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting House in Said Town on monday the Sixth Day of march next at Nine a clock in the fore noon      then and their to act upon following articals (viz)

first to Chuse a moderator for Said meeting

2ly to Chuse Town officers & Commities for the Insueing year as usual

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3ly to See if the Town will let their Swine run at large this year

4ly to act Relitive to our highways & bridges as the Town See fitt and To grant money & Choose Committees if NEEDED

5ly to act upon the artical Relative to hire of our nine months men or the Rie Rate so called that was put over to this meeting from December 13<sup>th</sup> 1779 meeting as the Town thinks best

6ly to hear and act upon any petition or petitions that Shall be laid before the Town as they See fitt

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before Said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid this Nineteenth Day of February Anno Dominie 1780

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis Town Clerk

In obedience to the Within Warrant I have Warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the time and place within mentioned by Setting this Warrant up at the time and place as is usual

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Joseph Keith Constable

Dudley march the 6<sup>th</sup> 1780

At a Leagal meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting House in Dudley on monday the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of march 1780

first Voted Jedidiah Marcy moderator for Said meting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted to have 5 Selectmen this year

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted Jedidiah Marcy first Selectman

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Vinton Second Selectman

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Capt Morriss third Selectman

6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Cornet Day fourth Selectman

7<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Liut Willard fifth Selectmen

- 8<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Jedidiah Marcy Town Clerk  
9<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Jedidiah Marcy Town Treasurer  
10<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to have three assessors the Curant year  
11<sup>th</sup>ly Voted John Warren first assessor  
12<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Ebenezer Foster Second assessor  
13<sup>th</sup>ly Voted John Curtis Jun third assessor  
14<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Ralph Vinton west end Constable he paid  
his fine  
15<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Jedidiah Corbin East End Constable  
16<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Jonathan Conant & Liut Joseph Keith wardians  
17<sup>th</sup>ly Voted L<sup>t</sup> Jonah Wood & Isaac Lee Tything men  
18<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Josiah Hovey Culler of Shingles & Clabboards  
19<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to Continue the last years Survairs of highways  
for the present year  
20<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Carter Sealar of weights and measures  
21<sup>st</sup>ly Voted John Vorce Sealar of Leather  
22<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted Benjn Kidder Jnr & John Edmunds fence  
viewers  
23<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted to let our Swine run at large this year  
24<sup>th</sup>ly Voted James Brown Eleazer may & Theoder  
marcy rieves  
25<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to adjourn the remainder of this meeting to  
thirsday next at one of the Clock in the after noon persisely  
met agreeable to adjornment &  
first Voted major Larned Decon Davis major Healey  
Cap<sup>t</sup> Eady & Liut Jonah Wood Committee of Corespond-  
ance &c  
2<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Daniel Newell Moses Jewell & Joseph Allen  
a Committee to provide for the Soldiers families  
3<sup>th</sup>ly Voted £1250 pounds in adition to what was granted  
the two last years to Defray the Charge of our higways &  
bridges the present year  
4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted that the Same Shall be worked out at 60 / pr  
Day from may to october  
5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to Build the Brige over the River by m<sup>r</sup> Inmans  
a good Cart Brige

6<sup>thly</sup> Voted m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Cotton Capt John Eady & Nathan Inman a Commettee to build Said Brige

7<sup>thly</sup> Voted to pass over the 5 artical

8<sup>thly</sup> Voted not to grant the widow Cheany petition Concerning her Negro being taxed

9<sup>thly</sup> Voted Nathan Inman west end Constable he paid his fine

10<sup>thly</sup> Voted to abate Lemuel Underwood poll in Jonathàn Conants taxes assessed october & January last

11<sup>thly</sup> Voted £41-16 / to mr Jacob Warren for going to Concord

12<sup>thly</sup> adjorn this meeting without Day

Notified and meet agreable to the adjornment on monday the 27<sup>th</sup> Day at two of the clock in the after noon &

first Voted m<sup>r</sup> John Haskel west eand Constable

2<sup>ndly</sup> adjorn this meeting without Day

Notified and meet agreable to adjornment on monday the 3<sup>th</sup> Day of april at two of the clock in the after noon &

first Voted to Excuse m<sup>r</sup> John Haskal from Serving Constable for the Excuse he made

2<sup>thly</sup> Voted to Refund back Siah Vintons fine he paid for his being Chosen Constable on Condition that John Vinton hiring a man to Serve for them

3<sup>thly</sup> Voted John Vinton west eand Constable

4<sup>thly</sup> Voted to Except John Edmunds to Serve Constable in his Room



Worcester SS To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in Said County greeting

In the Name of the government and people of the Massachusetts Bay in New england you or Either of you are hereby Directed forth with to Warn or Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Quallified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting House in Said Town on Thursday the eighteenth Day of may Curant at three of the



in the after noon then and there to act upon the following articals (viz)

firstly To Chuse a moderator for Said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly To act Relative to the Constitution or form of government

3<sup>rd</sup>ly To hear and act upon any petition or petitions that Shall be laid before the Town as they See fitt

here of fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before Said Day  
Dated at Dudley aforesaid this twelvth Day of May  
A. D. 1780

Jedidiah Marcy }  
Benj<sup>n</sup> Morriss } Selectmen  
Jonathan Willard } of Dudley

Worcester SS may 18<sup>th</sup> 1780

In obedience to the within Warrant I have warned and Notified the Inhabitants within mentioned to meet at time and place within written by Setting up this warrant as usual at the meeting House

John Edmunds Constable of Dudley

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting house on Thursday the eighteenth Day of may anno Domini 1780

first Voted Decon Davis moderator for Said meeting

2<sup>d</sup>ly Voted to Choose a Commeety to make Some amendments in the Constitution

3ly Voted to Chuse Seven for a Commetee

4ly Voted Decon Davis major Larned m<sup>r</sup> Elisha Corbin m<sup>r</sup> Warren Esq<sup>r</sup> Vennor Capt Corbin mr gore for a Commete

5ly this meeting is adjourned to may y<sup>e</sup> 29 Day at ten of the Clock in the fore noon

met agreeable to adjournment

first Voted that the following amedments be made (viz) on the third artical of the Bills of Rights that the word not other wise be added after the decleration Relative to attendance on the Teachers of piety and Religion and morality

2<sup>d</sup>ly Voted 48 for the amendment and Sixteen against it

3<sup>d</sup>ly Voted that all male persons that are twenty one years of age and upwards that have paid taxes and are Inhabitants in any Town have a right to vote for a governor Senet and Representitives 52 voted for it

4<sup>d</sup>ly Voted to corum of the House of Representitives be 100 42 voted for it

5ly Voted that the word Protestant Shall be added where it Saith the governor Declare Himself to be of the Christion Religion before the word Religion 52 voted for it

6ly Voted to have the general Court by Joint Ballot to Chuse A governor out of the two that hath the most votes from the People provided no one hath A Majority of Votes from the People 42 voted for it

7ly Voted that the Representatives of each County Shall Nominate the Justices of the Peace for their County and their Nominations to be made yearly and the governor Shall Commission Them accordingly 42 voted for it

8ly Voted that the Revision of the Constitution be made Certain and that it be in the year of our lord 1790 42 voted for it

9ly Voted that our deligates be impowered to Set the time when Said Constitution Shall take Place without haveing it Sent out to the people again Provided it be agreable to two thirds of the People or Can be made agreeable to the minds of two thirds of the People 42 Voted

10ly Voted to Except of the Constitution with the amendments 39 men present

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Worcester SS To either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in Said County greeting

In the Name of the government and people of the Massachusetts Bay you or either of you are hereby Directed forthwith to warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town qualified to vote for a Representative to meet at our meeting House in Said Town on monday the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of May Instant at one of a Clock in the after noon then and there to act upon the following articals (viz)

first To elect and Depute a person or persons to Represent us at the great and general Court to be holden at the State House in Boston on wednesday the 31<sup>th</sup> Day of this Instant may and So from time to time Dureing their Session or Sessions the Insueing year

2ly to Chuse a moderator for the Remainder of Said meeting

3ly to grant money for Schooling & other Necessary Charges for the year Insueing

4ly to Chuse a School Commetie to provide Schooling the year Insueing

5ly to See if the Town will Build a Bridge over the River by mr Joseph Vintons and Chuse a Commitee if needed

6ly to act upon the artical Relative to the hire of nine month men or Rie Rate So caled by granting more money or other wise act as the Town thinks best

7ly to hear and act upon any petetion or petetions that Shall be laid before the Town as they See fitt

here of fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before Said Day Dated at Dudley afore Said this Sixteenth Day of may Anno Domini 1780

Jedidiah Marcy	} Select men of Dudley
Joseph Vinton	
Benj <sup>n</sup> Morriss	
Jona <sup>n</sup> Day	

In obedience to the within written I have warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Qualified to Vote for a Representative to meet at time and place Within

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mentioned By Seting this warrant up at the time and Place  
as usual

pr me

Jedidiah Corbin      Constable

Dudley may the 29<sup>th</sup> 1780

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley  
Regularly assembled at our meeting House on monday the  
29<sup>th</sup> Day of may In<sup>t</sup> Anno Domini 1780

first Voted and chose Decon Davis Representative

2<sup>d</sup>ly Voted Decon Davis moderator for the Remainder of  
Said meeting

3<sup>d</sup>ly Voted Rais no money for Schooling and other Nessary  
charges

4<sup>d</sup>ly Voted to Direct the Commettee that way Chosen to  
hire our nine month men last July to procure and pay Said  
Soldiers in any Speshes that they will accept and to Call upon  
the people to firtesh them with Said Speshes and Said Com-  
mettee is impowered to give a Discharge to all Such as Shall  
pay there taxes in Ry or any other Spheche aqivilint

5<sup>d</sup>ly Voted to Chuse a Commettee to veiu where to build a  
brig over y<sup>e</sup> River by m<sup>r</sup> Vintons

6<sup>d</sup>ly Voted to Chuse three men for a Commettee

7<sup>d</sup>ly Voted Capt Morriss majer Larned and Thomas  
Cheyne a Commettee

June the 14<sup>th</sup> 1780      the Inhabitants of the Town of Dud-  
ley being called to gether to raise 14 men to reenforce the  
Continental army and being Called upon by the Selectmen to  
Shew their minde whether Said men Should be Drafted by  
the militia officers they unanimously voted not to have them  
Drafted

2<sup>dly</sup> and then Voted to have them hired at the Cost of the Town

3<sup>dly</sup> Voted m<sup>r</sup> Elisha Corbin Cornet Day maj<sup>r</sup> Healey & m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Newell with the militia officers a Commetee to hire Said men upon the best termes

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Worcester SS To either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in Said County greeting

In the Name of the government and people of the Massachusetts Bay you or either of you are Directed forth with to warn or Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Quallified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting House in Said Town on monday the fourth Day of September next at one of the clock in the after noon for the purpos of Electing a governor, Leiut governor and persons for Counsellers and Senators agreeable to the New Constitution or frame of government

here of fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Select men at or before Said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid this twenty third Day of august Anno Domini 1780

by order of the Selectmen

Jedidiah Marcy Town Clerk

Dudley September the 4<sup>th</sup> 1780

In obedience to this warrant I have warned the Inhabitants and freeholders of the Town of Dudley for to attend at time and place by Setting up this warrant at the meeting House

John Edmunds Constable of Dudley

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting House on monday the forth Day of September Anno Domini 1780

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first Voted for the Honable John Hancock Esq for a governor	47 votes
Voted for James Bowdoin Esq for a Leut governor	36 votes
Voted for Decon William Page for a Senator	19 votes
Voted for Edward Davis Esqr for a Senator	17 votes
Voted for Levi Linckcoln Esqr for a Senator	17 votes
Voted for Izrael Nickals Esqr for a Senator	16 votes
Voted for m <sup>r</sup> Caleb Curtis for a Senator	11 votes
Voted for Seth Read Esqr for a Senator	8 votes
Voted for major Seth Washburn for a Senator	3 votes
Voted for mr Caleb Ammidon for a Senator	3 votes
Voted for Colo Timothy Newell for a Senator	2 votes
Voted for Ebenezer Crafts Esqr for a Senator	2 votes

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Dudley June the 30<sup>th</sup> 1780      the Town of Dudley being assembled to gether to raise 20 men to Reinforce tha Continent-al army agreeable to two Resolves of the general Court one of the 22<sup>th</sup> and the other of the 23<sup>th</sup> Days of this Instant June and the Inhabitants being Notified by the Selectmen of Said Town to attend as a Town and

first Voted to have Said men hired by the Town  
 2<sup>ndly</sup> Voted Edward Davis William Larned & Thomas Cotton a Commettee to assist the melitia officers in hiring Said 20 men

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Worcester SS      To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in Said County greeting      In the Name of the goverment and People of the Massachusetts Bay you or either of you are Required forthwith to warn or Notify the free-holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley that are Qualified to vote for a Representative agreeable to the new Con-stitution or frame of goverment to meet at our meeting House in Said Town on monday the Sixteenth Day of this Instant



october at one of the Clock in the after noon then and their to act upon the following articals (viz)

first To Elect and Depute a person or persons to Represent us at the great and general Court agreeable to the new Constitution or frame of government

2<sup>nd</sup>ly To Chuse a moderator for the Remainder of Said meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly To grant money for Schooling and other Necessary Charges for this year

4<sup>nd</sup>ly To See if the Town will order the Rie Rate So Called to be assessed in Rie or act thereon as the Town Shall See fitt

5ly To act upon a Resolve of the general Court past the 25<sup>th</sup> of September 1780 To purchase our Coto of beafe or grant money for the Same or act on it as the Town thinks best

6<sup>nd</sup>ly To hear and act upon any petition or petitions that Shall be laid before the Town as they See fitt

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before Said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid this Second Day of october Anno Domini 1780

by order of the Selectmen

Jedidiah Marcy Town Clerk

october the 16th 1780 In obedience to the within written warrant I have warned and Notified the Inhabitants and freeholders of the Town of Dudley to attend att time and place accordingly by my Setting this warrant up at the meeting House

John Edmunds Constable of Dudley

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at a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting House on monday the Sixteenth Day of october Anno Domini 1780

first Voted Decon Davis our Representative

2ly Voted Decon Davis moderator for the Remainder of Said meeting

3ly Voted £80 new money To pay the Charge of Schooling this year

4<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted 60 new money for the Nessary Charges the currant year

5<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted to pay the Rie Rate in Rie and them that paid the money to have the money Returnd and made good

6ly Voted m<sup>r</sup> Upham Daniel Newell and Nathanael Clark a Commetee to purchase our Coto of beafe

7ly Voted they Shall have Interest for the money from the time they purchase y<sup>e</sup> Cattle

8ly Voted by way of petetion a School Commetee major Healy Asa Curtis Elisha Sabin Capt Morriss Joseph Upham Jur Josiah Hovey John Bracket

9ly Voted £12 New money for m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Upham going and Seting in the Convention



Worcester SS To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in Said County greeting In the Name of the goverment and People of the massachusetts Bay you or Either of you are Required forth with to warn or Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley that are quallified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting House in Said Town on monday the thirteenth Day of November next at one of the clock in the after noon then and there to act upon the following articals (viz)

first To Chuse a moderator for Said meeting

2ly To act upon a Resolve of the general Court past the 25<sup>th</sup> of September Last to purchase our Coto of beafe and grant money for the Same or act there on as the Town thinks best

3ly To hear and act upon any petetion or petetions that Shall be Laid before the Town as they See fitt

here of fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with

your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before Said Day Dated at Dudley afore Said this thirteenth Day of october Anno Domini 1780

by order of the Selectmen

Jedidiah Marcy Town Clerk

Worcester SS November the 12<sup>th</sup> 1780 In obedience to the within written warrant I have warned and Notified the Inhabitants and freeholders of the Town of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned by Setting up this warrant at the meeting House in Dudley acordingley

by me John Edwards Constable of Dudley

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At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting House in Said Dudley on monday the thirteenth Day of November AD 1780

first Voted maj<sup>r</sup> Healey moderator for Said meeting

2ly Voted to Raise £7000 to purchase our Coto of beafe

3ly Voted to Endemnify the Constables if they find the money to pay for the beafe from any Cost of the executions till they can Collect the money of the people again in a Reanable time

ply Voted Deacon Davis for to carrey the money to the Commetee at Springfield

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Worcester SS to either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in Said County Greeting

In the Name of the Common welth of the massachusetts Bay you or either of you are Required forthwith to warn or Notify the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley that are quallified to vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting House in Said Town on Tuesday the Second

Day of January next at ten of the Clock in the four noon then and Their to act upon the following articals (viz)

- first to Chuse a moderator for Said meeting
- 2ly To grant money to hire our Coto of the Continantal men for three years or Dureing the war agreable to a Resolve of the general Court or act thereon as the Town thinks best
- 3ly To grant money to pay our Six month men and three month men that was hireed last Summer or act thereon as the Town thinks best

4ly to grant money to purchase our Coto of beafe agreable to a Resolve of the general Court in their Last Sessions or act thereon as y<sup>e</sup> Town thinks proper

5ly To hear and act upon any petition or petetions that Shall be laid before the Town as they See fitt

hercof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings there on unto the Select men at or before Said Day Dated at Dudley afore Said this eighteenth Day of December A D 1780

by order of the Select men

Jedidiah Marcy Town Clerk

Worcester SS Dudley January the 2<sup>th</sup> 1781

In obedience to the within written warrant I have warned and Notified the within mentioned Inhabitants to meet at time and place within perfixt by Seting up this warrant at the meeting house as usual

P<sup>r</sup> Jedidiah Corbin Constable of Dudley

at a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting House in Said Dudley on Tuesday the 2<sup>th</sup> Day of January AD 1781

first Voted and Chose Decon Davis moderator for Said meeting

2ly Voted to Choose a Commetee to agree with our Soldiers we hire Last Summer

3ly Voted major Healey Daniel Newell Simeon Wood  
Capt Corbin Cornit Day a Commete

This meeting is adjorn to two of the clock in the after  
noon then meet agreable to adjornment

first Voted not to Clase the People

2ly Voted not to Clase into twelve parts

3ly Voted to Chuse a Commete of twelve men to agree on  
what Teirms they could hire the three years men for

4ly Voted m<sup>r</sup> Upham John Curtis Jur Leut Newell  
Jacob Chamberlain m<sup>r</sup> Simeon wood Capt Eady encine  
Silas Robinson Leut Hill Samuel may Ju<sup>a</sup> asa Robinson  
Nathaniel Clark Benj<sup>n</sup> Edmunds to hire our three years men

5ly Voted that any three of y<sup>e</sup> Commetee is impowered to  
give Security for y<sup>e</sup> Town

6ly Voted to except of the Comeete Report how to pay  
our Six month and three month men

7ly Voted £1412 New money to pay the Soldiers the  
Town hired Last Summer

8ly Voted to Chuse a Commete to Se about our Coto of  
heafe Majer Healy Nathanael Clark and Cornit Day

This meeting is adjornd to Thursday the eleventh Day of  
January instant at one of the clock in the after noon precisely

Then meet agreable to adjornment January the 11<sup>th</sup> 1781

first Voted mr Joseph Upham moderator p.T.

2ly Voted to Chuse two more to ad to the Commete to  
hire our three years men in Lue of two that woud not Serve

3ly Voted mr John Haskel Elisha Sabin to ad to the  
Commete

This meeting is adjornd to y<sup>e</sup> eighteenth Day of this instant  
January at one of the Clock in the after noon

Then meet a greaable to adjornment January the 18<sup>th</sup> 1781

first Voted to give the three years men one hundred Pounds  
in Silver money each

this meeting is adjond to monday the twenty Secon Day of  
this instant January at one of the Clock in the after noon

Then meet a greable to to adjournment the 22<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1781

1<sup>st</sup> Voted not to except of the Report of the Commeete to hire the men

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to pay our men £33-6-8 to be paid yearly if they enter the year they be intitled to their pay that year and if they Serve three years they are intitled to the whole Sum and if not paid yearly they are to have interest yearly

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted £225 new money to purchase part of our Coto of beafe

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted the Commeete to give notes on Interest for the beafe till the money is Collectted and To allow the Same to y<sup>e</sup> Commeetec

this meeting is adjorn to Thursday the first Day of February next at one of the Clock in the after noon February the 1<sup>th</sup> Day 1781 then mett agreeable to adjournment

1<sup>st</sup> Voted to Reconsider the vote that was past the last meeting not to except of the Comæetes Report to hire the men

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to except of the Commeetes Report to hire the men

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted £225 new money to Purchas the Remainder part of our Coto of beafe

An Agreement Made this 18<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1781 Between us the Commettee Chosen by the Town for the purpos of hiring the Soldiers for three years and the Soldiers that appear to go upon the Consideration (viz)

They agree to in list for three years upon their having one Hundred pounds for the term above mentioned and to have one third of the money Paid down or upon interest as parties may agree and the other third upon interest at the eand of two years if not paid and the last third at the end of three years if not paid upon interest till paid



N.B. the above Said Sums is to be paid in hard money

John Curtis Jr  
Jacob Chamberlain  
Samuel May  
Simeon Wood  
James Hill  
Benjn Edmunds  
Asa Robinson

Worcester ss To Either of the Constables of the Town  
of Dudley in said County Greeting

{ SEAL }

In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you  
or either of you are hereby Directed forthwith to warn or  
Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of  
\*Dudley, quallified to vote in Town affairs to meet at our meet-  
ing house in said Town on monday the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of march next  
at 9 o clock in the fore noon then and there to act upon  
the following articals viz

first to Choose a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>ndly</sup> to Chuse Town officers for the year Insuing as y<sup>e</sup> Law  
Directs

3<sup>rdly</sup> to See if the Town will let their swine run at large  
this year

4<sup>thly</sup> to act Relative to our highways & bridges as the  
Town sees fitt & to grant money & Chuse Committee if needed

5<sup>thly</sup> to see if the Town will Dispose of the hind seates in  
our meeting house to make pews on and the pues not to be on  
the same footing that the other pews are on; or act there on as  
the Town thinks best

6th to hear & act upon any petition or petitions that shall  
be laid before the Town as they see fitt

hereof fail not & make Due Return of this warrant with  
your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the said  
Day Dated at Dudley afore said this 19<sup>th</sup> Day of Febr<sup>y</sup>  
Anno Domini 1781

*Dudley Town Records, 1781.*

by order of the Selectmen

Jedidiah Marcy      Town Clerk

Worcester ss      March the 5<sup>th</sup> 1781      By virtue of this  
warrant I have warned & Notified the freeholders & other  
Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley to meet at time & place  
by Setting up this warrant at the meeting house

p<sup>r</sup>  
John Edmunds      Constable of Dudley

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley  
Regularly assembled at our meeting house on monday the 5th  
Day of march 1781

- first Voted & Chose Edward Davis moderator for s<sup>d</sup> meeting
- 2ndly Voted to have 5 Selectmen this year
- 3rdly Voted Esq<sup>r</sup> Marcy first Select man
- 4thly Voted Edward Davis Second Select man
- 5thly Voted Major Larned third Select man
- 6thly Voted Capt Morriss fourth Select man
- 7thly Voted Major Healy fifth Select man
- 8thly Voted Edward Davis Town Clerk
- 9thly Voted John Curtis Jun<sup>r</sup> Town Treasurer
- 10thly Voted to have 5 Assessors the Currant year
- 11thly Voted Edward Davis first Assessor
- 12thly Voted Joseph Sabin Second Assessor
- 13thly Voted Timo : Foster Jr third Assessor
- 14thly Voted Jacob Chamberlain fourth Assessor
- 15thly Voted Joseph Keith fifth Assessor
- 16thly Voted m<sup>r</sup> Jacob Warren west end Constable
- 17thly Voted Asa Robinson East End Constable

then the meeting was adjourned to monday the 12th day of  
said march at one o Clock after noon: met according to ad-  
journment &

- first Voted Capt. Corbin & Capt. Healy wadians
- 2ndly Voted mark Dodge & Isaac Lee Tything men
- 3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted Capt Curtis Culler of Shingles & Clapboards

4thly Voted Cornet Day Capt Carter Daniel Newell  
Simeon Wood & Ens Amidon Committee of Correspondence &c

5thly Voted Capt Healy Simeon Wood Eben<sup>r</sup> White  
Benjamin Kidder Jr John Gore Lt Putney & Benj<sup>a</sup> Stone  
surveyors of highways & Collectors of the highway Rates

6thly Voted John Curtis Jun<sup>r</sup> Collector of the minister  
Rates

7thly Voted major Healy sealer of weights & measurs

8thly Voted John Vorce sealer of Leather

9thly Voted Joseph Allen & Asa Curtis fence viewers

10thly Voted to have our swine run at large this year

11thly Voted William Foster John Healy Elkanah Cor-  
bin and John Heath hog rieves

12thly Voted 50£ in silver or other money equivilant to  
Defray the charge of our highways & bridges the present year

13thly Voted that the same be worked at 2 / 6 per Day &  
to be worked out before the first of october next

14thly Voted that the five hind seats in our body seats in  
the meeting house of each side of the broad alley be cut up for  
to build 8 pews upon the ground

15thly Voted to dispose of said pew spots on the same  
footing our other pews are Disposed of

16thly Voted to Chuse a Committee to Determen what per-  
sons shall have the pews

17thly Voted major Healy Edward Davis Esq Marcy  
Josiah Conant & Daniel Newell said Committee

18thly Voted to abate all the highway rates that are not  
worked out that was assessed before this meeting

The aforesaid officers are sworn

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Worcester SS To Either of the Constables of the Town  
of Dudley in said County Greeting

In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you  
or either of you are hereby Directed forthwith to warne or  
Notify all the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Quallified



according to Constitution to vote for a governor &c to meet at our meeting house in said Town on monday the second Day of April next at 2 o Clock in the afternoon then & there to act upon the following articals (viz)

- first to vote for a govenor for this Common Wealth
- 2ndly to vote for a Lt govoner for Do
- 3<sup>rd</sup>ly to vote for Councillors & Senetors for Do
- 4thly to Choose a moderator for the remaing part of s<sup>d</sup> meeting
- 5thly to hear the report of the Committee Chosen the last Town meeting Relative to y<sup>e</sup> pew spots in our meeting house
- 6thly to see if the Town will grant money to pay our soldiars in part or act thereon as the Town thinks best
- 7thly for the Town to hear and act upon any Petition or Petitions that shall be laid before them as they see fitt

• Hereof fail not and make Due return of this warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid this 19<sup>th</sup> Day of march anno Domini 1781

Edward Davis	} Selectmen of Dudley
William Larned	
Benj <sup>a</sup> morriss	
Nathall Healy	

Worcester SS April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1781 In obedience to the within written warrant I have warned & Notified the Inhabitants within mentioned to meet at time & place within perfixt by setting up this warrant at the meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Town as usual

Pr Jedidiah Corbin      Constable of Dudley

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting house in said Town on monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of April 1781

first Voted & the votes for his Exelency John Hancock

Esq for governor was 39 & for his Hon<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Cushing esq 1

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Votes for his Hon<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Cushing esqr for Lt governor was 32

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Votes for Councillers & Senetors was as follows (viz)

for the Hon <sup>ble</sup> Moses Gill Esq :	18 Votes
for Samuel Baker Esq	18
for Joseph Dorr Esq	18
for Israel Nickols Esq	18
for Seth Washburn Esq	18

4thly Voted Esq Marcy moderator for the remainder of s<sup>d</sup> meeting

5thly Voted £100 in silver money to pay the soldiars in part

6thly Voted to Impower our Committee that was Chosen to hire our three years men to Call out of the Constables hands so much of the silver money tax as they cannot get any other way: to pay the soldiars before they march

7thly Voted to pay all the Cost that the Constables shall be put to on account of their advancing the money to the said Committee (if any be)

8thly Voted to abate Daniel Waldos soldiars rate and rates for the last quato of beef that is assessed on him

Dudley March 19<sup>th</sup> 1781

We the subscribers being appointed by the Town of Dudley as a Committee to Determin who should have the ground or spots for the eight pews that the Town at their adjorned meeting the twelfth Day of this Instant march voted to have build where the five hind seats in our body seates now are: having considered of the matter Do agree to report as follows viz

Capt John Curtis & sons to have one pew spot m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Upham & sons to have one pew spot m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Healy to have one pew spot Capt Benj<sup>a</sup> Morriss to have one pew spot m<sup>r</sup> John Dalrympbell & m<sup>r</sup> Simeon Wood to have one pew spot m<sup>r</sup> Elijah gore & m<sup>r</sup> Ralph Vinton to have one pew spot Capt Sam<sup>l</sup> Healy & Capt John Eddy to have one pew spot & Capt Lemuel Corbin & mr moses Jewell

to have one pew spot: and said pews to be build in six months from the above Date and if not the spots to return to the Town and the seates shall not be taken up more than one month before the pews are set to set in and the seates to be the property of the Town: and if any part of said Seates are profitable towards building the pews the owners of the pews may have them allowing the Town the Value of said seates &c

Nathaniel Healy	} Committee
Edward Davis	
Jedidiah Marcy	
Daniel Newell	

the Committee having reported their Determination to the Town at the meeting aforesaid in order that it might be recorded      mr Elisha Corbin Entered his Desent against the aforesaid report & Desired that it might be recorded



Worcester SS      To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in said County Greeting

In the Name of the Common Wealth of the Massachusetts you or either of you are hereby Directed forth with to Warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley quallified according to the Constitution to vote for a Representative to meet at our meeting House in said Town on monday y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Day of may Instant at one o Clock in the afternoon then & there to act upon the following articals viz

first to Elect & Depute a person to Represent us at the great & general Court to be held at the State House in Boston on wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of this Instant may & so from time to time During their session or sessions the Insuing year

2<sup>ndly</sup> to Chuse a moderator for the remainder of s<sup>d</sup> meeting

3<sup>rdly</sup> to grant money for schooling & other Necessary charges for the year Insuing

4<sup>thly</sup> to Choose a School Committee to provide schooling the year Insuing



5<sup>thly</sup> to hear and act upon any Petition or Petitions that shall be laid before the Town as they see fitt

hereof fail not & make Due Return of this warant with your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before said Day  
Dated at Dudley aforesaid this seventh Day of may Anno Domini 1781

Jedidiah Marcy	} Selectmen of Dudley
William Larned	
Benjamin Morriss	
Nathaniel Healy	

Worcester SS      may 21<sup>st</sup> 1781      By Virtue of this War-  
rant I have Warned & Notified the Inhabitants & freeholders  
of the Town of Dudley for to attend at time & place by setting  
up this warrant at the meeting House as usual

p<sup>r</sup>      John Edmunds      Constable of Dudley

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley  
assembled together at our meeting house in said Town on  
monday 25<sup>th</sup> Day of may Anno Domini 1781

first Voted Major W<sup>m</sup> Larned Representative

2<sup>ndly</sup> Voted Esq<sup>r</sup> Marcy moderator for the Remainder of  
s<sup>d</sup> meeting

3<sup>rdly</sup> Voted not to grant any money for schooling

4<sup>thly</sup> Voted £ 40 in New Emission for Necessary charges

5<sup>thly</sup> Voted not to sustain Elisha Corbin & Elijah gore  
petition

the following persons entered their protest against the un-  
constitutional proceedings of the Town in Chusing major  
William Larned a Representative after the limited time by  
Law & Constitution was over & past (viz)      Edward Davis  
Joseph Upham    Elijah gore    Jos: Sabin    Capt John Curtis  
Lt John Cortis    Jeremiah Haskel    John gore & Benjamin Lee



Worcester SS      To Either of the Constables of the Town  
of Dudley in said County of Worcester Greeting      In the  
Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you are hereby  
Directed forthwith to Warn & Notify the freeholders & other  
Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Quallified to Vote in Town  
affairs to meet at our meeting house in Said Town on monday  
the second Day of July next at four O Clock in the after  
noon      then & there to act upon the following articals (viz)

first to Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2ndly to grant money for the hire of our three years men  
that are gone into the Continental army

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to act Relative to raising more men & grant money  
or act otherwise as the Town shall think best

4<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to hear & act upon any petition or pe-  
titions that shall be laid before them as they see fitt

hereof fail not & make Due return of this warrant with your  
Doings thereon unto the select men at or before y<sup>e</sup> said Day  
Dated at Dudley aforesaid this Eighteenth Day of June Anno  
Domini 1781

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis      Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley  
Regularly assembled at our meeting House on monday the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Day of July Anno Domini 1781

first Voted Esq Marcy moderator for said meeting

2ndly Voted £300 in silver money towards the hire of our  
three years soldiars      then adjourned the remainder of Said  
meeting without Day

July 12<sup>th</sup> 1781      the Town being Notified met according to  
adjournment &

first Voted to raise 10 men agreeable to the orders of Court  
by hire &

2ndly Voted that the Militia officers be a Committee to  
hire said men & give securetes in the name of the Town

3rdly Voted & continued the old Committee for the purchis of Beef then adjourned the meeting to monday the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of said July at 6 Oclock in the after noon met agreeable to adjournment & Voted to have the Committee give to the three months soldiars 17£ for the term they shall be gone 5£ per month for the time they serve & the Town to Draw their wages Said terms to be agree upon before they march

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Worcester SS To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in the County of Worcester Greeting In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you or Either of you are hereby Required forthwith to warn and Notify the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Quallified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at our Meeting house in said Town on Thursday the thirtieth Day of this Instant August at two OClock in the after noon then and there to act upon the following articles (viz)



first to Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to see what measurs the Town will come into to pay what is Due on the obligations that was given to our six & three months men that went into the army last year

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to see what the Town will do Relative to the paper money Taxes that are yet unpaid

4<sup>th</sup>ly to see what the Town will do Relative to our paper money Notes that are given in the Behalf of the Town for Beef &c

5<sup>th</sup>ly to Chuse a Committee to settle with the Rev<sup>d</sup> mr Gleason

6<sup>th</sup>ly to see what the Town will do Relative to the two men that are Drafted viz Cornet Jonathan Day & Nathaniel Clark

7<sup>th</sup>ly to see what the Town will do Relative to Raising men for the time to come &c

8<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to act upon any petition or petitions that shall be laid before the Town as they see fitt

*Dudley Town Records, 1781.*

hereof fail not and make Due return of this warrant with  
your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the said  
Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid this twenty fourth Day of  
August Anno Domini 1781

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis Town Clerk

Worcester SS In obedience to the within written war-  
rant I have warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants to meet  
at time & place appointed by setting up this warrant as usual  
p<sup>r</sup> me Asa Robinson Constable of Dudley

Dudley August 30<sup>th</sup> 1781

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley  
Regularly assembled at our meeting house on Thursday the  
30 Day of August A D 1781

first Voted Esq marcy moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted to Chuse a Committee to inquire into the  
paper money taxes that are Due & what payment can be ob-  
tained from them that have not paid said taxes

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted to have three for said Committee

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted m<sup>r</sup> John Haskel m<sup>r</sup> Simeon Wood & m<sup>r</sup>  
Jedidiah Corbin said Committee

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to Chuse a Committee to settle with m<sup>r</sup> Gleason

6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted said Committee shall be three

7<sup>th</sup>ly Voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Upham m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Sabin & Lt  
Mark Elwell said Committee

8<sup>th</sup>ly Voted not to act upon the sixth nor seventh articles

9<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to adjorn the Remainder of said meeting to the  
first monday in october next at one of the clock in the after  
noon

10<sup>th</sup>ly Voted that the two above Named Committees shall  
make report to the Town at said adjournment then the  
meeting was adjorned accordingly

Worcester SS      To Either of the Constables of the Town  
of Dudley in said County Greeting



In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you  
or Either of you are hereby Directed forthwith to Warn or  
Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of our Town  
quallified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting  
House in Dudley on monday the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December Instant  
at ten O clock in the fore noon      then and there to act upon  
the following articals viz

first to Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to grant money for Beef & other Necessary Charges

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to grant money for schooling & choose a School  
Committee

4<sup>th</sup>ly to act Relative to moneys that is Due from the Town  
to soldiars & others as they think best

5<sup>th</sup>ly to hear the Report of the Two Committees chose the  
last Town meeting; hereof fail not and make Due Return of  
this Warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen  
at or before said Day

Dated at Dudley afore said this tenth Day of Decem<sup>r</sup> Anno  
Domini 1781

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis      Town Clerk

Worcester SS      In obedience to this Warrant I have  
warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants of this Town  
quallify<sup>d</sup> to vote in Town affairs to meet at time & place ap-  
pointed by seting up this Warrant as usual

Asa Robinson      Constable of Dudley

Dudley Decem<sup>r</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1781

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley  
Regularly assembled at our meeting House in said Town on  
monday the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of Decem<sup>r</sup> A D 1781

first Voted Esq<sup>r</sup> Marcy moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted 115 pounds for Beef

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted 20 pounds for Necessary charges in leu of the 40 pounds New Emission that was granted last may

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted 60 pounds for Schooling

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted major Healy Cornet Day Simeon Wood Cap<sup>t</sup> Corbin Cap<sup>t</sup> Eddy Isaac Lee & John gore a School Committee

6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted 140 pounds for the hire of the last summer soldiars



Worcester SS To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you or Either of you are hereby Directed forthwith to warn or Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Quallified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting House in said Town on monday the fourth Day of march next at nine of the clock in the forenoon then and there to act upon the following articals (viz)

first to Chuse a moderator for Said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to Chuse Town officers & Committees for the Current year as the Law Directs

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to Chuse som person to take care of our meeting house

4<sup>th</sup>ly to see if the Town will let their swine run at large this year

5<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to grant money for the cost of the two Bridges that was build over Quinebog River last year

6<sup>th</sup>ly to grant money for the cost of our highways & Bridges the Current year & agree how the same shall be Expended

7<sup>th</sup>ly to hear and act upon any petition or petitions that shall be Laid before the Town as they see fitt

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon at or before said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid this 18th Day of February Anno Domini 1782

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis Town Clerk



Worcester SS      march 4<sup>th</sup> 1782      In obedience to the  
within written Warrant I have warned & Notified the within  
named Inhabitants to meet at time & and place within men-  
tioned by this warrant being set up at the meeting house as usual  
p<sup>r</sup>      Asa Robinson      Constable of Dudley

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley  
Regularly assembled at our meeting House in said Town on  
monday the fourth Day of march A D 1782

- first Voted Esq Marcy moderator for said meeting
- 2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted to have five Selectmen this year
- 3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted Esq March first Selectman
- 4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Edward Davis second Do
- 5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Morriss third Do
- 6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted major Healy fourth do
- 7<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Cornet Day fifth Do
- 8<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Edward Davis Town Clerk
- 9<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Leiut Curtis Town Treasurer
- 10<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to have five Assessors this year
- 11<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Edward Davis first Assessor
- 12<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Leiut Foster Jun<sup>r</sup> second Do
- 13<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Capt Chamberlain third Do
- 14<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Leiut Keith fourth Do
- 15<sup>th</sup>ly Voted John Warren fifth Do
- 16<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Leiut Jonathan Willard West end Constable
- 17<sup>th</sup>ly Voted David Wakefield East End Constable
- 18<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to have three for a Committee of Corespond-  
ence &c
- 19<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Joseph Sabin    Cap<sup>t</sup> Healy & Cap<sup>t</sup> Carter said  
Committee
- 20<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Nathaniel Clark & John gore Wardians
- 21<sup>st</sup>ly Voted John Vorce & Ebenezer White Tything men
- 22<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Curtis Culler of Shingles & Clapboards
- 23<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted major Healy sealar of weights & measurs
- 24<sup>th</sup>ly Voted John Vorce sealar of Leather

- 25<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Leiut Foster Junr & Isaac Lee fence Viewers  
 26<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Stephen Coman William Smith Leiut Keith  
 Joseph Allen Obadiah Bates Reuben Chamberlain & Elisha  
 Sabin highway surveyors & Collectors of the highway rates  
 27<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to have our swine run at large this year  
 28<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Stephen Wood & Eleazer Putney Jun<sup>r</sup> Hogg  
 Reives  
 29<sup>th</sup>ly Voted m<sup>r</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> Thompson to take care of our meeting  
 House  
 30<sup>th</sup>ly Voted 60 pounds for the cost of the two Bridges over  
 Quinnebog River that was Build last year  
 31<sup>st</sup>ly Voted 50 pounds for the coste of the highways &  
 bridges this year  
 32<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted that the same shall be worked out at 2 /6 per  
 Day at or before the first of october next  
 the aforesaid officers are Sworn
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Worcester SS To Either of the Constables of the Town  
 of Dudley in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you  
 or either of you are hereby Directed forthwith to warn the  
 freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town Quallified to  
 vote for governer &c to meet at our meeting house in said  
 Dudley on monday the first Day of April next at one O clock  
 in the after noon then and there to act upon the following  
 articles viz

- first to Vote for a governer  
 2<sup>nd</sup>ly to Vote for a Lt governer  
 3<sup>rd</sup>ly to Vote for Councillors & Senetors (agreeable to  
 Constitution)  
 4<sup>th</sup>ly to Chuse a moderator for the remainder of said meeting  
 5<sup>th</sup>ly to Chuse a person to meet in Convention at Worcester  
 on the second Tuesday of April next if they think it best  
 6<sup>th</sup>ly to here the Report of the Committee that was Chosen  
 to Call upon the militia officers Relative to fines they have



Collected from the people and to act there on as the Town sees fitt

7<sup>th</sup>ly To see if the Town will set off mr Joseph Upham and others from their School Ward and let them Draw their own money or act thereon as they see fitt

8<sup>th</sup>ly to hear and act upon any petition or petitions that shall be laid before the Town as they see fitt

hereof fail not and mak Due Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid the 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of march Anno Domini 1782

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis Town Clerk

In obedience to the Within Warrant I have Warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Quallified to Vote in town affairs to meet at time and place within mentioned by setting up this Warrant as usual

David Wakefield Constable of Dudley

Dudley April 1<sup>st</sup> 1782

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting house in Dudley on monday the first Day of April anno Domini 1782

first the Votes for governer was as follows viz

for his Exelency John Hancock Esq<sup>r</sup> 19 Votes

for the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Artemus Ward Esq<sup>r</sup> 14 Votes

& for the Hon<sup>ble</sup> James Bowdoin Esq<sup>r</sup> 5 Votes

2<sup>nd</sup>ly the Votes for Leiut governer was as follows viz

for his Honor Thomas Cushing Esq<sup>r</sup> 9 Votes

for the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Samuel Holton Esq 11 Votes

& for the Hon<sup>ble</sup> James Warren Esq<sup>r</sup> 1 Vote

3<sup>rd</sup>ly the Votes for Councillors & Senetors was as follows viz

for the Hon moses gill Esq 18 Votes

Do Samuel Baker Esq 11 Votes

Do Joseph Dorr Esq	17 Votes
Do Israel Nickolls Esq	9 Votes
Do Jonathan Warner Esq	15 Votes
Do Seth Washburn Esq	1 Vote
Joseph Reed Esq	7 Votes
Jacob Davis Esq	10 Votes
m <sup>r</sup> Nathan Perry	1 Vote
& m <sup>r</sup> Challs Curtis	1 Vote

4<sup>thly</sup> Voted & Chose Esq marcy moderator for the remainder of said meeting

5<sup>thly</sup> Voted to send one person to the county convention proposed to be held at Worcester on the second Tuesday of april Instant

6<sup>thly</sup> Voted & Chose Cornet Jonathan Day for said purpose

7<sup>thly</sup> Voted to have a Commettee of three to settle with the militia officers concerning the moneys in their hands & the officers refused to be Settled with by a Come<sup>e</sup> but said the militia Law was their rule of conduct

8<sup>thly</sup> Voted to put over y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> artical to may meeting

9<sup>thly</sup> Voted to have Isaac Coburn bound to Joshua Coburn free of all taxes till he is 21 years old

10<sup>thly</sup> Voted to abate Joseph Whitfords rates that is Due to Constable Corbin being about 48 /



Worcester SS To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you or either of you are hereby Directed forthwith to Warne the Inhabitants of said Town quallified to vote for a Representative to meet at our Meeting House in said Dudley on monday the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of May next at one O clock in the after noon then & there to act upon the following articals viz

first to Chuse a person to Represent us at the Great and General Court the Currant year

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to Chuse a moderator for the Remainder of said meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to grant money for the horses that was purchised for the army in the year 1780

4<sup>th</sup>ly to grant money for to pay our Cunstables in part for their Trouble & Cost if the Town sees fitt or act there on as they think best

5<sup>th</sup>ly to act Relative to m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Uphams school ward that was put over from last meeting &c

6<sup>th</sup>ly to hear and act upon any petition or petitions that shall be laid before the Town as they see fitt

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of April Anno Domini 1782

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis Town Clerk

Worcester SS Dudley may 13<sup>th</sup> 1782 In obedience to the within Warrant I have Warned the within mentioned persons by setting up this Warrant at the meeting House as usual

by me Jon<sup>o</sup> Willard Constable of Dudley

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting House in Dudley on monday the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of may 1782

first Voted and did not chuse a Representative

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted Esq<sup>r</sup> Marcy moderator for the remainder of sd meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted 53£ of the Receipt in favour of Constable Jacob Warren (being the benefit of the Town) to Esq<sup>r</sup> Marcy to pay for the horses he purchised for the army in the year 1780

then adjourned the meeting to next monday y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Instant at five O clock in the after noon

met according to adjournment and

first Voted not to grant any money for to pay the Constables for their cost and trouble

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted not to set off m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Upham & others as a School ward by them selves

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted Not to let them have one third of the money that ward Draws that they belong to to school out as they please



Worcester SS To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in said County of Worcester Greeting

In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you or either of you are hereby Directed forthwith to warn or Notify the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town Quallified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting House in said Dudley on Wednesday the twenty fifth Day of September Instant at one of the Clock in the after noon then and there to act upon the following articals viz

first to Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to agree how the remainder of the money Due to the Town for the 6 & 3 months mens wages that went into the Service in the year 1780 shall be appropriated

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to Chuse a Committee to see what the Town owes &c

4<sup>th</sup>ly to Chuse a Committee to Repair the Brid over the River near m<sup>r</sup> Andrew Browns or act thereon as the Town sees fitt

5<sup>th</sup>ly to Chuse a person to meet in County Convention & act thereon as the Town thinks best

6<sup>th</sup>ly to hear and act upon any petition or petitions that shall be laid before the Town as they see fitt

here of fail not and make Due Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of September A D 1782

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis Town Clerk

Worcester SS Dudley September 25<sup>th</sup> 1782



In obedience to the within written warrant I have warned & Notified the within Named Inhabitants to meet at time and place within mentioned by seting up this warrant at the meeting House as usual

p<sup>r</sup> David Wackfield      Constable of Dudley

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting House in said Town on wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of Septem<sup>r</sup> 1782

first Voted & Chose Esq Marcy moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted that the remainder of the money that is Due to the Town of the 6 & 3 months mens wages that went into the Service in the year 1780 shall be appropriated to pay the Town Debts that is or will soon be on Interest

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted to chuse a Committee of three to see what the Town owes

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Lt Foster Jun<sup>r</sup> Enss Jeffers & Cap<sup>t</sup> Chamberlain said committee

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to Chuse a Committee of three to Repair the Bridge over the River near m<sup>r</sup> Andrew Browns

6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Cornet Day m<sup>r</sup> Andrew Brown & Lt Hill s<sup>d</sup> Committee

7<sup>th</sup>ly Voted not to send a person to the County Convention

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Worcester SS      To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in said County Greeting

In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you or Either of you are hereby Directed forthwith to warne the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Quallified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting House in said Dudley on Monday the Twenty third Day of December Instant at one oClock in the after noon      then & there to act upon the following articals (viz)



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- first to Chuse a modarator for said meeting
- 2<sup>nd</sup>ly to grant money for schooling the Coming year
- 3<sup>rd</sup>ly to Chuse schoole Committees for the year insuing
- 4<sup>th</sup>ly to act Relative to the money that was Borrowed of m<sup>r</sup> Job Holbrook as the Town thinks best
- 5<sup>th</sup>ly to Chuse a Committee to Call upon the Militia Officers Relative to fines in their hands &c
- 6<sup>th</sup>ly to hear and act upon any petition or petitions that shall be laid before the Town as they see fitt

here of fail not and make Due Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the said 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of December Currant Dated at Dudley aforesaid the ninth Day of December Anno Domini 1782

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis Town Clerk

Worcester SS In obedience to the within warrant I have warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Quallified to vote in Town affairs to meet at time place appointed by seting up this warrant as usual

by me David Wakefield Constable

Dudley December y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> 1782

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting House in s<sup>d</sup> Dudley on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of December A D 1782

- first Voted & Chose Esq Marcy Moderator for said meeting
- 2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted 30 pounds for schooling the coming year
- 3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted Ensign Ammidon Cornet Day m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Allen Leiut Keith Cap<sup>t</sup> Healy m<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Stone & Leiut Jewell School Committees for the year Insuing
- 4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to put over the fourth artical to next March meeting
- 5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to have a Committee of three to call upon the Militia officers Relative to fines in their hands &c

6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted m<sup>r</sup> Jacob Warren Cornet Day & m<sup>r</sup> Stephen Coman said Committee

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Worcester SS to Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in said County of Worcester Greeting In the Name of the Commonwealth of massachusetts you or Either of you are hereby Directed forthwith to Warne or Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley quallified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting House in said Dudley on monday the third Day of march next at nine oClock in the fore noon then and there to act upon the following articals viz



first to Choose a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to Chuse Town officers & Committees for the Insuing year as the Law Directs

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to see if the Town will agree to pay our Constables for Collecting the taxes the year Insuing

4<sup>th</sup>ly to see if the Town will let their swine run at large this year

5<sup>th</sup>ly to grant money for our highways & Bridges this year and agree how the same shall be Expended

6<sup>th</sup>ly to see if the Town will Chuse a Committee to Draw a petition to to send to the general Court for a redress of our grievences

7<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to act Relative to any Road or Roads that shall be laid before them as they think best

8<sup>th</sup>ly to see if the Town will let the New school Ward Draw as much money as the other middle wards

9<sup>th</sup>ly to here and act upon any petition or petitions that shall be laid before the Town as they see fitt

here of fail not and make Due Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid this fifteenth Day of February Anno Domini 1783

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis Town Clerk

*Dudley Town Records, 1783.*

Worcester SS march 3<sup>rd</sup> 1783      In obedience to the within written warrant I have warned and Notified the several Inhabitants within mentioned to meet at time and place within ordered by setting this warrant up at the meeting House in Dudley as usual

Pr      David Wakefield      Constable of Dudley

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting House in said Dudley on Monday the third Day of march A D 1783

- first Voted & chose Esq marcy moderator of said meeting
- 2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted to have five Selectmen this year
- 3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted Esq marcy first Selectman
- 4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Edward Davis second Selectman
- 5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> morris third Selectman
- 6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted major Healy fourth selectman
- 7<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Cornet Day fifth Selectman
- 8<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Edward Davis Town Clerk
- 9<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Leiut Curtis Town Treasurer
- 10<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to have five Assessors this year
- 11<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Edward Davis first Assessor
- 12<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Leiut Foster Jr second Assessor
- 13<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Capt Chamberlain third Assessor
- 14<sup>th</sup>ly Voted John Warren fourth Assessor
- 15<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Leiut Keith fifth Assessor
- 16<sup>th</sup>ly Voted not to pay our constables for collecting the taxes this year
- 17<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Eddy west end Constable
- 18<sup>th</sup>ly Voted and Excused Capt Eddy from serving Constable this year
- 19<sup>th</sup>ly Voted m<sup>r</sup> Isaac Lee west end Constable
- 20<sup>th</sup>ly Voted m<sup>r</sup> mark Dodge East end Constable
- 21<sup>st</sup>ly Voted to have three for a Committee of corespondence &c this year

- 22<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Sabin Leiut and Cap<sup>t</sup> Corbin  
said Committee
- 23<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted m<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Kidder and m<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Ed-  
munds Wardens
- 24<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Leiut Elwell & John Vinton fence viewers
- 25<sup>th</sup>ly Voted m<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Lee Culler of Shingles & Clap-  
boards
- 26<sup>th</sup>ly Voted major Healy Sealer of weights and measures
- 27<sup>th</sup>ly Voted John Healy Sealer of Leather
- 28<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Leiut Foster Jr & m<sup>r</sup> John Brackett Tything  
men
- 29<sup>th</sup>ly Voted major Larned Cap<sup>t</sup> Corbin m<sup>r</sup> Steven Co-  
man Cornet Day m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Conant Leiut Jewell and m<sup>r</sup>  
Thomas Cheney Surveyors of highways
- 30<sup>th</sup>ly Voted that the highway surveyors be Collectors of the  
highway rate
- 31<sup>st</sup>ly Voted to let our swine Run at large this year
- 32<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted John Lee John Chamberlain & Stephen  
Healy Hogg Reives
- 33<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted 60 pounds for the cost of our highways &  
Bridges this year
- 34<sup>th</sup>ly Voted that the same shall be worked out at 3 shillings  
per Day at or before the first Day of october next
- 35<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to Chuse a Committee to Draw a petition to  
send to the general Court seting forth our greivences we labour  
under
- 36<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Esq Fennor Lieut Willard & Esq Davis  
said Committee
- 37<sup>th</sup>ly Voted that the New ward so called shall not draw as  
much money as the other middle wards
- 38<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to Discontinue two rods of the fore Rod Road  
from Robinsons mills to our meeting House so far as to where  
the road from m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Allens comes into said Road near  
Esq<sup>r</sup> Davises and to Establish the other two Rods as a Town  
Road where it is now trod
- 39<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to discontinue two Rods of the four Rod Road  
leading from m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Allens to the aforesaid Road from

Robinsons mills to our meeting House and to Establish the other two Rods as a Town Road where it is now trod

40<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to discontinue one Rod of said first mentioned Road from where the last mentioned Road comes into it to the meeting House and to Establish the other three Rods where the said Road is now trod

41<sup>st</sup>ly Voted not to grant the petition of L<sup>t</sup> Foster and others concerning a Committee to repair the Bridge near said Fosters

42<sup>nd</sup>ly Did adjorn the meeting on account of Constables &c to Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> Instant at 3 oClock in the afternoon

Met agreeable to adjornment and

first Voted to excuse m<sup>r</sup> Isaac Lee from serving Constable this year

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted Ens Eben<sup>r</sup> Amadon west end Constable

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted to Excuse Ens Eben<sup>r</sup> Amadon from serving Constable this year

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Stephen Coman West End Constable

then Adjorned the meeting to Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> day of this Instant march at 4 oClock in the after noon

met agreeable to adjornment and Voted to Excuse Stephen Coman from serving as Constable and then adjorned the meeting to monday the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of June next at one of the clock in the after noon

met agreeable to adjornment and first Voted that the Town would allow Stephen Coman Ens Ebenezer Amidon & Isaac Lee each of em a turn of serving Constable if they would procure one for this year & then the Town Chose John Chamberlain west end Constable to serve for said three persons

the aforesaid officers are sworn

Worcester ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in said county Greeting In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are Either of you hereby Directed forthwith to warn or Notify the several Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Quallified agreeable to the Constitution





to vote for governor &c to meet at our meeting House in said Dudley on monday the seventh Day of April next at one of the clock in the afternoon then and there to act upon the following articals (viz)

first to vote for a governor

2<sup>rd</sup>ly to Vote for a Leiu<sup>t</sup> Governor

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to Vote for Councilers & Senators (as above said)

4<sup>th</sup>ly to Chuse a moderator for the remainder of said meeting

5<sup>th</sup>ly to act Relative to the Bridge over the french River so Called near Lt Fosters as the Town thinks best

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6<sup>th</sup>ly to hear and act upon any petition or petitions that shall be laid before the Town as they see fitt

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings there on unto the Selectmen at or before the said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid the twentieth Day of march Anno Domini 1783

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis Town Clerk

Worcester ss In obedience to the within warrant I have warned & Notified the Inhabitants within mentioned to meet at time and place specified by setting this warrant up at the meeting house as usual

Pr mark Dodge Constable &c

Dudley April 7<sup>th</sup> 1783

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly Assembled at our meeting House in said Dudley on monday the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1783

first Voted for governor and the Votes for his Exelency John Hancock Esq was 32

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted for Leiut governor and the Votes for his Honour Thomas Cushing Esq was 24

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted for Councilers and Senators and the Votes was as follows viz

for the Hon : moses gill Esq

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Do	Samuel Baker Esq	24
Do	Jonathan Warner Esq	24
& Do	Seth Washburn Esq	19
for	Jacob Davis Esq	13
Do	Joseph Read Esq	3
& Do	Samuel Curtis Esq	1
for m <sup>r</sup>	Caleb Ammidon	11
4 <sup>thly</sup>	Voted Esq Marcy moderator for the remainder of said meeting	
5 <sup>thly</sup>	Voted to Chuse a Committee to Repair the Bridge over the french River so Called near Leiut Fosters	
6 <sup>thly</sup>	Voted m <sup>r</sup> Joseph Allen Cornet Day and Leiut Foster said Committee	

April 14<sup>th</sup> 1783      then we the subscribers met and preambulated the line between Oxford and Dudley begining at a maple tree with stones about it near where Robinsons mill Brook comes out of Chogamegunamug pond then Norwesterly to a stake and stones about thirty Rods south Easterly of said Robinsons mills then to a stake and stones about ten Rods northerly of Collins moores houss then westerly to a stake and stones then Northerly to the Nor. East Corner of Dudley being a large heep of stones then westerly to Charlton south East Corner and have Renewed the Bounds

Ebenezer Learned	} Selectmen of Oxford
Daniel Fisk	

Jedidiah marcy	} Selectmen of Dudley
Edward Davis	
Jonathan Day	

April 30<sup>th</sup> 1783      then we the subscribers met and preambulated the line between Dudley and Charlton begining at a large heep of stones in Dudley North line it being Charlton South East corner and then we Extended Westerly by a line

of marked trees and heaps of stones till we came to a large  
heap of stones in Sturbridge East line it being Dudley Norwest  
corner and Charlton South west corner and have Renewed the  
Bounds

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Jedidiah marcy } Selectmen  
Edward Davis } of Dudley

Caleb Ammidown } Selectmen  
Abijah Lamb. } of Charlton

Worcester SS To Either of the Constables of the Town  
of Dudley in said County Greeting In the Name of the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby Directed  
forthwith to Warne or Notify the several Inhabitants of said  
Town Quallified (agreeable to the Constitution) to Vote for a  
Representative to meet at our meeting House in said Dudley  
on Tuesday the sixth Day of may next at one oClock in the  
after noon then and there to act upon the following  
articals viz



first to Elect a person to Represent us at the General Court  
appointed to be holden at the State House in Boston on the  
last wednesday of may next and from session to session (where-  
ever the said Court shall set) for the coming year

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to Chuse a moderator for the Remainder of said  
meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to grant money for Necessary Charges in our Town

4<sup>th</sup>ly to grant money for the Second years pay of our three  
years soldiars or act thereon as the Town thinks best

5<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to hear and act upon any petitions or  
petitions that shall be laid before them as they see fitt

Here of fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with  
your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the said  
Day: Dated at Dudley aforesaid the 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of April  
Anno Domini 1783

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis Town Clerk

Worcester SS      In obedience to this Warrant I have warned the several Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley to meet at the time and place within mentioned by setting up this Warrant at the usual place

by me      John Chamberlain      Constable  
Dudley may 6<sup>th</sup> 1783

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting House on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of may A D 1783

first Voted to send a Representative to the General Court this year

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted Edward Davis Esq said Representative

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted Esq Marcy moderator for the remainder of s<sup>d</sup> meeing

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted 60 pounds for Necessary Charges

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted 300 pounds for the second years pay of our three years soldiars

6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to have a Committee of three to look up the bounds of our Common & make report &c

7<sup>th</sup>ly Voted major Larned Capt Morriss & Capt Chamberlain said Committee

8<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to have a Committee of three to Draw Instructions for our Representative & make report

9<sup>th</sup>ly Voted m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Bacon m<sup>r</sup> Elisha Corbin and m<sup>r</sup> Jacob Warren said Committee: then the meeing adjourned for one hour: met agreeable to adjournment and after the Committees Draft of Instructions was red and past in parregrafts and amended was accepted by the Town

10<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to allow the account for building the Bridge near m<sup>r</sup> Andrew Brown save 6<sup>d</sup> per Day for the worke done in the fall of the year to be abated

11<sup>th</sup>ly Voted 18 pound for to pay said account

12<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to accept the Report of the Committee Relative to the fines that are in the militia officers hands which was

£4. 8. 0 value in spece in Capt Healys hands and £2-6-0 in  
Leiut Willards hands

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Worcester SS      To Either of the Constables of the Town  
of Dudley in said County of Worcester Greeting      In the  
Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby  
Required forthwith to warn and Notify the freeholders and  
other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley quallified to Vote in  
Town affairs to meet at our meeting House in said Dudley on  
Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of December next at one of the clock in  
the after noon      then and there to act upon the following  
articals viz



first to Chuse a moderator for said meeting  
2<sup>nd</sup>ly to grant money for schooling the year Insuing  
3<sup>rd</sup>ly to Chuse a School Committee for the comming year  
4<sup>th</sup>ly to hear and act upon any petition or petitions that  
shall be laid before the Town as they see fitt

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with  
your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the said  
15<sup>th</sup> Day of December next      Dated at Dudley the 28<sup>th</sup> Day  
of November Anno Domini 1783

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis      Town Clerk

Worcester SS December 15<sup>th</sup> 1783

In obediance to this Warrant I have warned and Notified  
the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley  
to meet on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of December at one oClock in the  
after Noon at this place to act upon the articals here men-  
tioned

1783

By me      mark Dodge      Constable of Dudley

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At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the  
Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting House

in said Town on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of December A D 1783

first Voted Esq marcy moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted 40 pounds for schooling the year Insuing

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted m<sup>r</sup> John Bracket Lt Jonathan Willard Lt  
Jn<sup>o</sup> Curtis Capt Lemuel Corbin m<sup>r</sup> Simeon Wood major  
Nath<sup>l</sup> Healy & Thomas Cheney School' Committees for the  
year Insuing

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted not to abate Jonathan groo & Jeremiah Has-  
kels Rates as Requested by them

Jeremiah Haskell made a Declaration Concerning paying  
ministers Rates agreeable to the vote of the Town in the  
year 1779

\*Worcester SS

To either of the constables of the Town of Dudley in said  
county Greeting In the Name of Commonwealth of Massa-  
chusetts you or either of you are hereby Directed forthwith to  
Warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of  
Dudley Quallified to Vote in Town affairs to meet our meet-  
ing House in said Town on Thursday the fifth day of Feb-  
ruary next at one of the clock in the after noon then and  
thare to act upon the following articals viz

first to chuse a moderator for said meeting

2ndly to Know the minds of the people about the Conte-  
nental officers five years pay and act there as they see fitt

hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with  
your doings unto the Select men at or before the said fifth day  
of February next Dated at Dudley this twenty ninth day  
of January Anno Domini 1784

Jedidiah marcy	} Select men of Dudley
Benj <sup>n</sup> Morres	
Jonathan Day	

Worcester SS in obedience to this Warrant I have Warned  
the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley

\* This warrant was written on inside of front cover of record book.—EDITOR.



to meet at our meeting house on Tuesday the fifth day February instant at one a clock in the after noon then and there to act upon articals here mentioned

by me mark Dodge Constable of Dudley  
Dudley February 5<sup>th</sup> 1784

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At meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of February  
first chose Esq<sup>r</sup> marcy Moderator for said meeting  
2d Voted to chuse a committee of three men to meet at Sutton with the committees of other Towns  
3ly chose Esq<sup>r</sup> Fennor for a committee  
4ly chose Cornet Day ditto  
5ly chose m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Bacon ditto  
A True Copy of the Return made to me  
Edward Davis Town Clerk

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Worcester SS To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in said County Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you or Either of you are hereby Directed forthwith to warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley quallified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting house in said Town on monday the first Day of march next at Nine of the clock in the fore noon then and there to act upon the following articals (viz)



first to Chuse a moderator for said meeting  
2<sup>nd</sup>ly to Chuse Town officers & Committees for the Current year as the Law Directs  
3<sup>rd</sup>ly to see if the Town will let their swine run at large the year Insuing  
4<sup>th</sup>ly to grant money for the highways & Bridges for the present year and agree how the same shall be worked out  
5<sup>th</sup>ly to Chuse some person for a grave Diger

6<sup>thly</sup> to accept of any Roads that shall be laid before the Town

7<sup>thly</sup> to hear and act upon any petition or petitions that shall be laid before the Town as they see fitt

here of fail not and make Due Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon unto us the subscribers at or before the said first Day of march next Dated at Dudley aforesaid the seventh Day of February anno Domini 1784

Jedidiah marcy	} Selectmen of Dudley
Nathaniel Healy	
Jonathan Day	

1784

Worcester SS march y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1784 In obedience to this Warrant I have warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley to meet according to time and place within mentioned by setting up this Warrant at the usual place

p<sup>r</sup> John Chamberlain Constable of Dudley

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting house in Dudley on monday y<sup>e</sup> first day of march Anno Domini 1784

first Voted & Chose m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Bacon moderator for said meeting

- 2<sup>ndly</sup> Voted Edward Davis Town Clerk
- 3<sup>rdly</sup> Voted Jedidiah marcy Esq first Selectman
- 4<sup>thly</sup> Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Benjamin Morriss Second Selectman
- 5<sup>thly</sup> Voted Cornet Jonathan Day third Selectman
- 6<sup>thly</sup> Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Jacob Chamberlain fourth Selectman
- 7<sup>thly</sup> Voted Leiut<sup>t</sup> John Curtis fifth Selectman
- 8<sup>thly</sup> Voted Leiut<sup>t</sup> John Curtis Town Treasurer
- 9<sup>thly</sup> Voted m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Bacon first Assessor
- 10<sup>thly</sup> Voted Leiut Timothy Foster Jun<sup>r</sup> second Assessor
- 11<sup>thly</sup> Voted major Nathaniel Healy third Assessor
- 12<sup>thly</sup> Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Jacob Chamberlain fourth Assessor
- 13<sup>thly</sup> Voted Leiut<sup>t</sup> Joseph Keith fifth Assessor
- 14<sup>thly</sup> Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> John Eddy west end Constable

- 15<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Leiut mark Elwell East end Constable
- 16<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to Excuse Leiut mark Elwell upon the conditions that he pays Constable mark Dodge for Collecting all the taxes that should have been collected by Constable David Wakefeild
- 17<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Timothy Corbin East end Constable
- 18<sup>th</sup>ly Voted major Healy John Bracket Isaac Lee John Vorce Cap<sup>t</sup> Corbin Ebenezer White & Thomas Cheney highway Surveyors
- 19<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Joseph Sabin & Joseph Keith Wardians
- 20<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Isaac Lee & William Foster Tythingmen
- 21<sup>st</sup>ly Voted Josiah Hovey Culler of Shingles and Clapboards hoops &c
- 22<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted John Healy Sealer of Leather
- 23<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted Nath<sup>l</sup> Clark Deer Reeve
- 24<sup>th</sup>ly Voted major Nath<sup>l</sup> Healy Sealer of weights & measurs
- 25<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Nathan Jeffords and moses Jewell fence Viewers
- 26<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Ezra Holbrook Thomas Upham John Vinton Jun<sup>r</sup> and Solomon Wakefield Hog Reives
- and then Adjorned the meeting to monday next the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of march Instant at one O clock in the after noon
- march 8<sup>th</sup> met agreeable to adjornment and
- first Voted to accept of John Chamberlain to serve as Constable in the room of Capt John Eddy
- 2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted to let our swine run at large this year
- 3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted that the highwaysurveyors shall be Collectors of that tax
- 4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to allow the Committees account for Buildin the Bridge over the frence River near Cornet Days
- 5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted £60 for Repairing the Bridges & higways this year
- 6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted that the same shall be worked out at three shillings per Day from the first of may till the first of october next
- 7<sup>th</sup>ly Voted m<sup>r</sup> Alexander Thompson grave Diger

8<sup>thly</sup> Voted to accept the Road laid out by the Selectmen 29 of August 1783 across the Wenthrops land so Called

9<sup>thly</sup> Voted to abate all William Jordens Rates that is now Assessed upon him in the Town of Dudley

10<sup>thly</sup> Voted to accept of Cornet Days John Bracketts & Asa Robinsons petition as a Committee for the East School Ward

officers sworn as the Law Directs

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A Road Laid out by the Selectmen of Dudley on the 29th Day of August 1783 across the Wentthrop Land from Sturbridge line to Charlton line begining at the North End of a Road laid out and accepted by said Sturbridge near Joseph Barretts and from thence it leads near North across lands occupied by said Joseph Barret & Henry pratt & Edward Larned to a stake and stones by land occupied by James Diers then near the same corse to a heap of stones on a large rock then a little more west to a white oak tree marked on the same land occupied by said Dier then near the same course to the sawmill Dam then near North to a white oake stump with stones about it on the widow Sarah Cheney's Thirds then to the elbough of a stone wall on said thirds then by said wall to a heap of stones by land occupied by Cap<sup>t</sup> Benjamin Freeman [and the Road is to be three rods wide from the said Elboughs of the Wall till it is across the rocky swale or run] then on said Freemans occupied lands till it comes to land occupied by Abijah Searles to a stake and stones then on the line between the said Freemans and Searles one rod on each till it comes the Road that leads from Dudley to Sturbridge at Charlton line to the corner of the wall of the lot of Land that the said Searles lives on

Said Road is to be two rods wide except as before mentnd for y<sup>e</sup> elbough of the wall till it has crossd the rocky loland and then to be three rods wide and the Bounds are on easterly side of the Road

this Road was hed before the Town at there march meeting  
1784 and accepted

Jedidiah marcy	} Selectmen of Dudley
Edward Davis	
Nathaniel Healy	

Worcester SS

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in said  
county Greeting In the Name of the Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts you are Either of you hereby Directed forth-  
with to Warn or Notify the several Inhabitants of the Town  
of Dudley quallified to Vote for a governor &c agreeable to  
the Constitution to meet at our meeting House in said Dudley  
on monday y<sup>e</sup> fifth Day of April next at one of the clock in  
the after noon then and there to act upon the following  
articalas viz



first to Vote for a governer  
2<sup>nd</sup>ly to Vote for a Leiut governer  
3<sup>rd</sup>ly to Vote for Councilers & Senaters &c  
4<sup>th</sup>ly to Chuse a moderator for the remainder of said  
meeting

5<sup>th</sup>ly to grant money to pay m<sup>r</sup> Job Holbrook the money  
that was borrowed of him for the Town or act thereon as the  
Town thinks best

6<sup>th</sup>ly to hear and act upon any petition or petitions that shall  
be laid before the Town as they see fitt

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this Warrant with  
your Doings thereon at or before the said Day Dated at  
Dudley aforesaid the twenty second Day of march Anno  
Domini 1784

Jedidiah marcy	} Selectmen of Dudley
Jonathan Day	
Jacob Chamberlain	
John Curtis Jr	

Worcester SS April 5<sup>th</sup> 1784 In obedience to the within

written Warrant I have Warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley to meet according to time and place within mentioned by setting up this Warrant at the usual place

p<sup>r</sup> John Chamberlain Constable of Dudley

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At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Quallified to Vote for a governer &c Regularly assembled at our meeting House in said Dudley on Monday the fifth Day of April A D 1784

first Voted for a governer as follows viz

for his Exelence John Hancock Esq <sup>r</sup>	16 votes
for the Hon James Bowdoin Esq <sup>r</sup>	8 votes
& Benj <sup>a</sup> Lincoln Esq <sup>r</sup>	1 vote

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted for Leiutnant governer as follows viz

for his Honour Thomas Cushing Esq <sup>r</sup>	23 votes
& Caleb Amidown Esq <sup>r</sup>	3 votes

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted for Councilors and Senaters as follows viz

for the Hon Moses Gill Esq	22 votes
Samuel Baker Esq	2 votes
the Hon Daniel Nichols Esq <sup>r</sup>	22 votes
Seth Washburn Esq	22 votes
& Jonathan Warner Esq <sup>r</sup>	22 votes
Caleb Amidown Esq <sup>r</sup>	18 votes
& Edward Davis Jun <sup>r</sup> Esq	1 vote
& Capt Bezalial Taft	1 vote

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Jedidiah marcy Esq<sup>r</sup> moderator for the remainder of said meeting

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to appropriate that order of £64-11-0 Drawn on Constable Dodge in favor of Edward Davis that is the Town property towards paying the Debt Due to Jedidiah marcy Esq<sup>r</sup> & from him to mr Job Holbrook borrowed may 1778 to pay soldiars

6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted 300 pounds more for to pay the remainder of said Debt

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Worcester SS To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in said County Greeting



In the Name of the Commonwealth of the Massachusetts you or Either of you hereby Directed forthwith to Warn or Notify the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley that are quallified to Vote for a Representative agreeable to the Constitution or form of government to meet at our meeting House in said Town on Wednesday the twelfth Day of may next at one of the Clock in the after noon then and to act upon the following articals (viz)

first To Elect and Depute a person or persons to Represent us at the Great & General court the year Insuing agreeable to the precept to us Directed therefor

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to Chuse a moderator for the Remainder of said meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to grant money for to pay the three years men their last years hire

4<sup>th</sup>ly to hear or act upon any petition or petitions that shall be laid before the Town as they see fitt

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid this twenty seventh Day of April Anno Domini 1784

Jedidiah marcy	} Selectmen of Dudley
Jonathan Day	
John Curtis Jr	

Worcester SS may the 12<sup>th</sup> 1784 In obedience to the within Warrant I have warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley to meet at the time and place within mentioned by seting up this warrant at the meeting House in Dudley according to the usual custom of the Town

p<sup>r</sup> me Timothy Corbin Constable of Dudley

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At a meeting of the Freehold and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly Assembled at our Meeting House

in said Town on Wednesday the 12th Day of may Anno Domini 1784

first Voted Cornet Jonathan Day Representative

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted Cornet Day moderator for the Remainder of s<sup>d</sup> meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted £424 for the last years hire of our three years men with the Interest therefor

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted not to grant primas morney and others petition to abate their poll tax

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to Chuse a Committee of three to Draw & Report to the Town Instructions to our Representative

6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Esq<sup>r</sup> Fenner m<sup>r</sup> Elisha Corbin & m<sup>r</sup> Jonath<sup>n</sup> Bacon said Committee

7<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to adjorn the Remainder of the meeting to monday the 24 Day of this Instant may at 5 oclock in the after noon

met agreeable to adjornment and Voted to accept the Reporte of the Committee chosen to Draw Instructions to our Representative

Worcester SS To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in said County of Worcester Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby Directed forthwith to Warn the Inhabitants of the said Town Quallified as the Constitution provides to Vote for Representatives to meet at our Meeting House in said Dudley on monday the Thirtieth Day of August Instant at two of clock in the after noon then and there to act upon the following articals viz

first to Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to bring in their Votes in writing for some discreet suitable person to fill up the Vacancy in the office of Register of Deed for said County of Worcester untill the time appointed by Law for a new choice &c

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this Warrant with



your Doings there on unto the Selectmen at or before said  
30<sup>th</sup> Day of August Currant Dated at Dudley aforesaid  
the 21st Day of August anno Domini 1784

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis Town Clerk

Worcester SS August 30<sup>th</sup> 1784

In obedience to this Warrant I have warned the freeholders  
and other Inhabitants to meet at our meeting House as the  
Law Directs by setting up this warrant at the usual place

Timothy Corbin Constable of Dudley

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley  
Quallified as the Law Directs to vote for a Regester of Deeds  
Regularly assembled at our meeting House in said Dudley on  
Monday the Thirtieth Day of August Anno Domeni 1784 to  
Vote for a Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester &c  
Jedidiah Marcy Esq moderator for said meeting

The Votes that ware brought in for a Regester of Deeds by  
said Inhabitants was as follows viz

for Timothy Paine Esq	8 votes
for Daniel Clap Esq	11 votes
for Caleb Ammidown Esqr	8 votes
for Capt Benjamin Read	2 votes
and for m <sup>r</sup> Luther Fesk	1 vote

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Worcester SS To Either of the Constables of the Town  
of Dudley in the said County of Worcester Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you  
are hereby Directed forthwith to warne the Inhabitants of the  
said Town Quallified as the Constitution provides to Vote for  
Representatives to meet at our meeting House in said Dudley  
on Tuesday the sixteenth Day of November Instant at one of  
the clock in the afternoon then and there to act upon the  
following articals (viz)

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*Dudley Town Records, 1784.*

first to Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to bring in their Votes in writing for some discreet faithful person to fill up the Vacancy in the office of Regester of Deed for the said County of Worcester until the time appointed by Law for a new Choice &c

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to grant money for Necessary Charges in said Town

4<sup>th</sup>ly to grant money for schooling the present year and Choose School Committes

5<sup>th</sup>ly to hear and act upon any petition or petitions that shall be laid before the Town as they see fitt

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid the second Day of November Anno Domini 1784

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis Town Clerk

Worcester SS Dudley November y<sup>e</sup> 16th 1784

In obedience to the within written Warrant I have Warned and Notified the within mentioned Inhabitants to meet at time and place within perfixtd by setting up this Warrant at the meeting House as usual

Timothy Corbin Constable of Dudley

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Quallified as the Law Directs Duly warnet and Regularly assembled at our meeting House in Dudley on Tuesday y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> Day of November A D 1784 to act upon the articals in the before mentioned warrant &c

first Voted Nathaniel Healy Esq<sup>r</sup> moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly the votes that ware brought in by said Inhabitants for a Regester of Deeds for said County was as follows viz

for Daniel Clap Esq twenty six Votes

for Timothy Paine Esq three Votes

& for Capt Benjamin Read one Vote

3<sup>rd</sup>ly the Town granted £70 for Necessary Charges in said Town

4<sup>th</sup>ly granted £60 for schooling in the year 1784

5<sup>th</sup>ly Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Chamberlain Cap<sup>t</sup> Eddy Leiut Keith  
Cornet Day m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Allen major Healy & Ensign Am-  
midon School Committee

6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate the taxes that is now Due from Eben<sup>r</sup>  
Hebberd to Constable Robinson and the Contenental tax Due  
to Constable Dodge

7<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to have Constable Jacob Warran suspend Com-  
mitting m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Newell to gail for his taxes till after the  
tenth Day of march next and Newell to remain his presener at  
large in the mene time

8<sup>th</sup>ly Voted that the other Constables are not to distress  
said Newell for his other taxes till after said tenth Day of  
march

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Worcester SS To Either of the Constables of the Town of  
Dudley in said County of Worcester Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you or  
Either of you are hereby Commanded forthwith to warn or  
Notiefy the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town  
quallified to Vote in Town affairs or for a Regester of Deeds  
to meet at our meeting House in in said Dudley on monday the  
seventh Day of march next at nine of the Clock in the fore-  
noon to act upon the following articals viz

first to Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to Chuse Town officers &c for the Insuing year as the  
Law Directs

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to see if the Town will let their swine run at large  
this year

4<sup>th</sup>ly to grant money for our highways and Bridges for the  
year Insuing and agree how the same shall be worked out

5<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to Vote for a County Register for our  
County of Worcester as the Law Directs



*Dudley Town Records, 1784-85.*

6<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to act Relative to the Deed and agreement that was made the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of September A D 1767 by Edward Davis Esq<sup>r</sup> late of Oxford Deceased and the Selectmen of Dudley Concerning the four acres of land that our meeting House stands upon and to Confirm said Deed and agreement to be the Bounds of said four acres of Land or to Disalow and Disanul the said Deed and agreement as the Town shall think best.

7<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to accept the Road across the East End of m<sup>r</sup> Gleasons Land where it is now trod in lue of the road where it was laid out and add the old road to our Buring place

8<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to hear and act upon any petition or petitions that shall be laid before them as they see fitt

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the said Day: Dated at Dudley afore said the Nineteenth Day of February Anno Domini 1785

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis Town Clerk

Worcester SS Dudley march 7<sup>th</sup> 1785 In obedience to the within written Warrant I have Warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned by seting up this warrant at the usual place

p<sup>r</sup> John Chamberlain Constable of Dudley

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Duly Warned and legally assembled at our meeting House in Dudley on monday the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of march Anno Domini 1785

first Voted and Chose m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Bacon moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted to have five Selectmen this year

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted Edward Davis first Selectman



- 4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted major Healy second Selectman  
5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Bacon third Selectman  
6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Cornet Day four Selectman  
7<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Leiut Curtis fifth Selectman  
8<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Edward Davis Town Clerk  
9<sup>th</sup>ly Leiut Curtis Town Treasurer  
10<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to have five Assessors this year  
11<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Edward Davis first Assessor  
12<sup>th</sup>ly Voted m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Bacon second Assessor  
13<sup>th</sup>ly Voted major Healy third Assessor  
14<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Capt Chamberlain fourth Assessor  
15<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Leiut Foster Jun<sup>r</sup> fifth Assessor  
16<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Leiut Eleazer putney west End Constable  
17<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Benjamin Edmunds East End Constable  
18<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Ensign Amidon & Jedidiah Corbin Wardens  
19<sup>th</sup>ly Voted John Vorce & Ephraim Corbin fence viewers  
20<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Josiah Hovey Culler of Shingles Clapboards  
& hoops &c  
21<sup>st</sup>ly Voted major Healy Sealer of weights & measurs  
22<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted John Vorce Sealer of Leather  
23<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted mark Dodge & Leiut Keith Tything men  
24<sup>th</sup>ly Voted John Warren John Chamberlain Timothy  
Corbin Solomon Wakefield John Bracket Capt Healy  
Elisha Sabin & Cap<sup>t</sup> Corbin Surveyors of highways &c  
25<sup>th</sup>ly Voted that the Surveyors of highways shall be the  
Collectors of the highway Rates  
26<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to let our swine run at large this year  
27<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Jabez Vinton Silas Hayden Simeon Upham  
and Thomas Larned hogg reaves  
28<sup>th</sup>ly Voted sixty pounds for the Cost of our highways and  
Bridges this year  
29<sup>th</sup>ly Voted that the same shall be worked out at three  
shillings per Day from the first of may to the first of october  
next  
30<sup>th</sup>ly Voted for a County Rigester for the County of Wor-  
cester as follows viz :  
for Daniel Clap Esq<sup>r</sup> 35 Votes

and for Timothy Pain Esq<sup>r</sup> 2 Votes

31<sup>thly</sup> Voted to confirm the Deed and agreement that was made the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of September A D 1767 by Edward Davis Esq<sup>r</sup> late of Oxford Deceased and the Selectmen of the Town of Dudley Relative to the Bounds and title of the four acres of Land our meeting House stands upon and to make it valid in Law to all intents and purposes

32<sup>ndly</sup> Voted to accept of the Road where it is now trod by m<sup>r</sup> Charles Gleasons Wall across the East End of his land in lue of the Road on the ridge a little east that was accepted by the Town in march 6th 1775 and ad said road to the Buring place

33<sup>rdly</sup> Voted to Reconsider the vote that past march 2<sup>nd</sup> 1772 for to alter the Road from the Bridge Near m<sup>r</sup> Nathan Inmans to m<sup>r</sup> Samuel mays and to Establish the Road where  
\* it is now trod

34<sup>thly</sup> Voted to abate Ebenezer Hebbberds Rates in Constable David Wakefield hands to collect being 19 / 9-1

35<sup>thly</sup> Voted to abate what is Due of m<sup>r</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> Thompsons taxes in Constable Dodges hands to Collect

36<sup>thly</sup> to Direct Constable Warren to suspend Commetting m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Newell till after may meeting next on the same footing as was voted the last meeting

37<sup>thly</sup> Voted to adjorn this meeting to monday 21st Day of march Instant at three of the Clock in the after noon met according to adjournment and voted to have m<sup>r</sup> Eleazer putneys serving as Constable goe for a turn for his son Eleazer

The Several Officers are Sworn

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Worcester SS To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby Required forthwith to warne the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Quallified to vote for a governor &c agreeable to the Constitution to meet at our meeting House in said Town



on monday fourth Day of April next at one of the Clock in the after noon then and there to act upon the following articles viz

first to vote for a governor for said Commonwealth

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to vote for a Leiutnant governor Do

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to vote of Councillors and Senators for the County of Worcester

4<sup>th</sup>ly to Chuse a moderator for the Remainder of said meeting

5<sup>th</sup>ly to act Relative to m<sup>r</sup> Jacob Warren and others being set off as a separate school ward as the Town thinks best

6<sup>th</sup>ly to see if the Town will purchis that Land North and west of m<sup>r</sup> Borlands farm in Dudley that was this Day sold for taxes & bid off by Edward Davis vomoeto W<sup>m</sup> Coburns House ontoo being about 18 acres

7<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to Chuse a Committee to settle with the Rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Gleason Relative to his back sallerys &c

8<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to hear and act upon any petition or petitions that shall be laid before them as they see fitt

here of fail not and make Due Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the said Day; Dated at Dudley aforesaid the 21st Day of march Anno Domini 1785

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis Town Clerk

Worcester SS April 4<sup>th</sup> 1785 In obedience to this warrant I have warned and Notified the Inhabetants of the Town of Dudley to meet at the time & place within mentioned by seting up a warrant at the meeting House in said Town as usual

p<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Edmunds Constable of Dudley

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At a meeting of the aforesaid Inhabetants of the Town of Dudley Regularly Assembled at our meeting House in Dudley on Monday the fourth Day of April Anno Domini 1785

first The Inhabitants brought in there votes for a Governor as follows (viz)

for the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Nathaniel Gorham Esq 38 Votes

2<sup>nd</sup>ly for a Lieutenant Governor His Hon Thomas Cushing Esq 30 Votes

3<sup>rd</sup>ly for Councillors and Senators as follows viz

for the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Moses Gill Esq 25 Votes

Do Seth Washburn Esq 25 Votes

Do Jonathan Warner Esq 25 Votes

John Fesenden Esq 25 Votes

Ebenezer Larned Esq 23 Votes

& Caleb Amidown Esq 2 Votes

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Bacon moderator for the Remainder of said meeting

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted not to set off m<sup>r</sup> Jacob Warren as a separate school ward

6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to purchis that Land that was bid off by Edward Davis North and west of mr Borlands farm in Dudley to moove W<sup>m</sup> Coburn Houst ontoo and to have the Deed given from the Constable to the Town Treasurer in the Name and behalf of the Town Said land being about 20 acres

7<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to Chuse a Committee of three to settle with the Rev<sup>d</sup> mr Gleason Relative to his back salerys & report to the Town as soon as convenant may be

8<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Edward Davis John Curtis Jun<sup>r</sup> and Nathaniel Healy said Committee

9<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate Thomas Dodges soldier Rates being £1:3:3:1

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To the Selectmen of the Town of Dudley The Com-  
plainte of Susannah Sprage of said Dudley humbly Showeth  
that whereas I am under Difficult and Low circomstances &  
not capable of providing for myself Therefore I humbly  
pray that you would take suitable care of me and provide a

place for me and in so Doing .you will oblige your humble  
complainant

her  
Susannah X Sprage  
mark

Dudley April 29<sup>th</sup> 1785

Amasa Winter

A True copy    attest    Edward Davis    Town Clerk

Worcester SS      To Either of the Constables of the Town  
of Dudley in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you  
are hereby Directed in Due course of Law to warn the Free-  
holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley qualli-  
fied according to the Constitution to vote for a Representative  
to meet at our meeting house in said Dudley on Monday the  
second Day of may next at one of the clock in the after  
noon    then and there to act upon the following articals (viz)



first to Elect a person to Represent us in the General Court  
appointed to be convened and held for the Government service  
at the State House in Boston on the last Wednesday of May  
aforesaid and so from session to session for one year

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to Chuse a moderator for the Remainder of said  
meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly for the Constables for the years 1781 1782 & 1783 to  
lay an account before the Town of all the Taxes that they can-  
not collect in order that they may act thereon as they think best

4<sup>th</sup>ly to hear the Report of the Committee that was Chosen  
to settle with the Reverend m<sup>r</sup> Gleason Relative to his back  
sallaries and to grant money to pay what is Due to him

5<sup>th</sup>ly to grant money for Necessary Charges in said Town  
and to make up the Deficiency of other grants heretofore made

6<sup>th</sup>ly to hear and act upon any petition or petitions that  
shall be laid before the Town as they see fitt

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this Warrant with

your Doings thereon at or before the said Day      Dated at  
Dudley aforesaid the fifteenth Day of April Anno Domini 1785

Edward Davis	} Selectmen of Dudley
Nathaniel Healy	
Jonathan Bacon	
Jonathan Day	
John Curtis Jun <sup>r</sup>	

Worcester SS may y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 1785

In obedience to this Warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley by setting up this Warrant at the usual place to meet according to the time and place within mentioned as the Law Directs

Benjamin Edmunds      Constable of Dudley

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our Meeting House in said Town on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of may Anno Domini 1785

first Voted to send a Representative this year

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Day for our Representative this year

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Bacon Moderator for the Remainder of s<sup>d</sup> meeting

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate Enoch Eagleston and Stephen Spaldings taxes in Constable Robinsons Rate Lists they being £3-0-2-3

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to postpone the matter of m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Newells Rates til the first of october next and he to Remain m<sup>r</sup> Warrens prisnor till that time

6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate Daniel Waldos Rates in Constable Warrens Rate List they being paid to mr Warren £1-1-0-2 paid

7<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to suspend calling upon Constable Wakefeild for mr Jonathan groo:s Rates till the first of October next they being £1-16-6-1

8<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate Phinehas Allens soldier Rates in Constables Dodge & Corbins Lists they being 1-8-2-1



9<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate Adam Whites Rates in Constable Chamberlains Rate Lists they being 3-1-7-1 paid

10<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to see m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Willcocks forthcoming to Constables Willard and Chamberlain the first Day of October next

11<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to see Eleazor May forthcoming to Constables Wakefield and Chamberlain the first Day of Ootober next

then adjorned the meeting to monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of this Instant may at one of the clock in the after noon

met agreeable to adjornment and then the Report of the Committee being red which is as follows (viz)

Dudley April 26<sup>th</sup> 1785 The Committee appointed by the Town to settle with the Rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Gleason Relative to his back salaries beg lieve to Report a state of facts (viz) that it appears to them that there is Due to m<sup>r</sup> Gleason agreeable to the Law for the year 1780 £25-13-7 and 50 months Interest £6-8-6 making in the whole £32-2-1 and that he is much kept out of the four last years salerys and that it further appears that he has lost by the Depretiation of money that he is cut off by Law as follows (viz) in the year 1777 £45-0-0 in the year 1778 £33-19-8 and in the year 1779 £26-13-4 making in the whole £105-13-0 all which is humbly submitted to the Town

Edward Davis	} Committee
Nathaniel Healy	
John Curtis Jun <sup>r</sup>	

then the Town first voted a Committee of three to wait upon the Reven<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Gleason

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted m<sup>r</sup> Upham m<sup>r</sup> Day and m<sup>r</sup> Lem Corbin said Committee

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted to grant and Raise Eighty Seven pounds to make up in full of all arrears of the Reve<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Gleasons salery and wood up to the first Day of march 1781


4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted £100 for other Necessary Charges in the Town the year Ensuing &c

then Cap<sup>t</sup> John Eddy made his to Declaration agreeable to the vote of the Town Relative to minister to Rates and gave

his Right of a pew in the meeting House to the Town building & all

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Worcester SS      To Either of the Constable of the Town of Dudley in the said County of Worcester Greeting

 In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby Required forthwith to warne the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley quallified to vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting House in said Town on wednesday the fourteenth Day of September next at one of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in the after noon      then and there to act upon the following articals (viz)

first to Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly for the Town to Reconsider that vote of the Town which was pased the Twenty third Day of May last past granting the sum of Eighty seven pounds to make up in full of all arrears of the Rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Gleasons salary and Wood up to the first Day of march 1781 or act thereon as the Town thinks best

3<sup>rd</sup>ly for the Town to grant such a sum of money as is Due agreeable to the Law unto the said m<sup>r</sup> Gleason to the first Day of march 1781 and the Interest therefor untill paid (if they see fitt

4<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to grant money for schooling y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing

5<sup>th</sup>ly to Chuse School Committees for y<sup>e</sup> Insuing year

6<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to hear and act upon any petition or petitions that shall be laid before them as they see fitt

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the said Day      Dated at Dudley aforesaid the Thirtieth Day of August in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and Eighty five

By order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis      Town Clerk

Worcester SS September the 14<sup>th</sup> 1785      In obedience to this Warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley by setting up this Warrant at the meeting House as usual : to meet at the time and place within mentioned as the Law Directs

p<sup>r</sup>      Benjamin Edmunds      Constable of Dudley

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly Assembled at our meeting House in said Town on Wednesday y<sup>e</sup> fourteenth Day of September Anno Domini 1785 first Voted and Chose Edward Davis moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted and Reconsidered that vote of the Town which was pased the Twenty third Day of May last past granting unto the Reven<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Gleason Eighty seven pounds to make up in full of all arrears of his salary and Wood up to the first Day of march 1781 that sum not being Due to him agreeable to the Law—36 yeas & 17 Nays

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted & grant<sup>d</sup> to the Rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Gleason Thirty four pounds being the sum that was Due to him on the said first Day of march 1781 for arrears of salary &c agreeable to the Law and the Interest therefor to May next

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted £60 for schooling the year Insuing

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Stephen Coman    Leiut Warran    Joseph Sabin    John Bracket    Joseph Allen    Jedidiah Corbin and Cap<sup>t</sup> Eddy School Committee for the Insuing year

6<sup>th</sup>ly on the petition of Stephen Coman & others      voted that all those persons that have no open Road to their own lands shall have one half of their Highway Rates abated this year

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Dudley November 25<sup>th</sup> 1785      To the Selectmen of the Town of Dudley      Sirs inasmuch as my Husband phinehas

Allen has gone off and left me the subscriber with eight children in a suffering condition having Nothing to subsist upon therefore I must through my self and family upon the marcy of the said Town of Dudley and pray for support for my self and family agreeable to the Law in that case made and provided

Mary Allen

true copy      attest      E. Davis      Town Clerk



Worcester SS      To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby Required forthwith to Warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Quallified to Vote for a Representative to meet at our meeting House in said Dudley on Tuesday the tenth Day of January next at one of the Clock in the after noon      then and there to act upon the following articals (viz)

first to Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly for the Town to act Relative to a Bill that passed the House of Representatives in their last session Relating to the Refugees that was Negatived by the Senate and put over to the next setting of the General Court; as they think best

3<sup>rd</sup>ly for the Town to Instruct their Representatives in any matters and things as they see fitt

4<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to hear and act upon any petition or petitions that shall be laid before them as they see fitt

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the said Day:      Dated at Dudley aforesaid the Twenty ninth Day of December in the year of our Lord 1785

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis      Town Clerk

Worcester SS January the 10<sup>th</sup> 1786      In Obediance to this Warrant I Warned all the freeholder and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley by setting up a Warrant at the meet-

ing House in said Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned as the Law Directs

p<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Edmunds      Constable of Dudley

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At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly Assembled at our meeting House in said Dudley on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1786

first Voted and Chose m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Bacon moderator for s<sup>d</sup> meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly the Town voted that they are much Dissatisfied with the proceedings of the House of Representatives at their last sessions in passing a Bill giving Liberty to the Refugees of every Discription to Return in to this Commonwealth

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted to Remonstrate to the General Court against said Bill

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to Draft offered to the Town to be said Remonstrance

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to grant Lt mark Dodges petition to give to him that half of y<sup>e</sup> pew Capt Eddy gave to the Town he paing the Town the Cost of Building said half of said pew

6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted not to grant Sam<sup>l</sup> Newell & David Wakefields petitions

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Worcester SS      To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are Required to Warne the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley quallified to Vote in Town affairs and those quallified to Vote for a Register of Deeds to meet at our meeting House in said Dudley on monday the sixth Day of march next at Nine of the Clock in the fore noon then and there to act upon the following articals (viz)

first to Chuse a moderator for said meeting



1786

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to Chuse Town Officers for the Insuing year as the Law Directs

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to see if the Town will let their swine run at Large this year

4<sup>th</sup>ly to Vote for a Register of Deeds for said County of Worcester

5<sup>th</sup>ly to act Relative to Jesse Jewells account as they see fitt

6<sup>th</sup>ly to see if the Town will Build or hire a Work House to imploy our Idle and poor people at work &c

7<sup>th</sup>ly to grant money for our Highways and Bridges this year and to agree how the same shall be worked out

8<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to hear and act upon any petition or petitions that shall be laid before the Town as they see fitt

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid the sixteenth Day of Febry Anno Domini 1786

By order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis Town Clerk

Worcester SS march the 6<sup>th</sup> 1786 In obedience to this Warrant I have Warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley quallified as within mentioned to meet at time and place as Directed by setting up a Warrant at the meeting House in said Town as usual

p<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Edmunds Constable of Dudley

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting House in said Town on monday the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of march Anno Domini 1786

first Voted and Chose m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Bacon moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted to have five selectmen this year

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted Edward Davis Esq first Selectman

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Bacon second Selectman



- 5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Capt Chamberlain third Selectman  
6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Lt John Warren fourth Selectman  
7<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Eddy fifth Selectman  
8<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Esq<sup>r</sup> Davis Town Clerk  
9<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Leiut Curtis Town Treasurer  
10<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to have five Assessors this year  
11<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Esq Davis first Assessor  
12<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Lieut Willard second Assessor  
13<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Leiut Foster Jun<sup>r</sup> third Assessor  
14<sup>th</sup>ly Voted m<sup>r</sup> John Chamberlain fourth Assessor  
15<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Leiut Keith fifth Assessor  
16<sup>th</sup>ly Voted major Nathaniel Healy West End Constable  
17<sup>th</sup>ly Voted m<sup>r</sup> William Larned Jun<sup>r</sup> East End Constable  
18<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to accept Stephen Healy to serve Constable in  
his father Room and his Father promised to be sponsur for  
his son  
19<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Lt Warren & m<sup>r</sup> Ephraim Corbin Wardians  
20<sup>th</sup>ly Voted John gore Benjamin Lee Lt Elwell & Thos  
Cheney fence Vewors  
21<sup>st</sup>ly Voted Josiah Hovey Culler of Shingles Clapboards  
& hoops &c  
22<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted major Healy sealer of Weights and measurs  
23<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted John Healy sealer of Leather  
24<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Asa Curtis and John Healy Tything men  
25<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Ephraim Corbin Eleazer Putney Jun<sup>r</sup> Simon  
Shepard William Foster Joseph Vinton Jun<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Healy  
& Daniel Mansfield Surveyors of highways & Collectors of  
that Rate  
26<sup>th</sup>ly Voted that the Surveyors of Hhighways shall be Col-  
lectors of the Highway Rates  
27<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to let our swine run at Large this year  
28<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Asa Newell Nathan Waldron Ebenezer  
Fitts Jun<sup>r</sup> & Stephen Haskell Hogg Rieves  
29<sup>th</sup>ly Voted sixty pounds for the Cost of our Highways &  
Bridges this year  
30<sup>th</sup>ly Voted that the same shall be worked out at three  
shillings per Day at or before the first Day of october next

31<sup>st</sup>ly Voted that the Selectmen be impower to hire a House or Houses to be impoveed as work Houses to imploy our Idle and poor people at work and appoint overseer or overseers &c

32<sup>nd</sup>ly Votes for a Register of Deed for the County of Worcester was 52 and all for Daniel Clap Esq<sup>r</sup>

33<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted not to allow Jesse Jewells account at present

34<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to allow Dr Eaton £7-9-5 of his account against m<sup>r</sup> Thompson & Family in full to Ballance the account

35<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to Instruct Cornet Jonathan Day not to goe any more to the General Court upon the Towns Cost

36<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to grant Esq<sup>r</sup> Fenner 12 / for going to Sutton on the convention February 1783

37<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Dito to m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Bacon 12 /

38<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate all the Rates but Jacksons amounts to 3-9-1 in Keiths Collection &c

39<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to adjorn this meeting to monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of April next at two of the Clock in the after noon at this place and it is adjorned according

met agreeable to adjornment and

voted to accept Timothy Corbin to serve Constable in the Roome of m<sup>r</sup> William Larned Jun<sup>r</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted to see Henry Brown forthcoming to Constable Corbin this Day 7 month

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted Do Joshua Robbins Do Constable Dodge Do



Worcester SS To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley

In the Name of the Commonwealth of the Massachusetts you are Required to warne all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Quallified to Vote for a Governor Leiut Governor Councillors & Senators to meet at our meeting House on Monday the third Day of April next at one o Clock in the after noon then and there to act upon the following articals viz

to vote for a Governor Leiut Governor Councillors & Senators for the year Insuing

Hereof fail not and make Due Return of this Warrant at or before the said third Day of April next given under our hands and seal this Twenty first Day of march in the year of our Lord 1786

Jonathan Bacon	} Selectmen of Dudley
Jacob Chamberlain	
John Warren	
John Eddy	

Worcester SS April the 3<sup>rd</sup> 1786 In obedience to this Warrant I have Warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley by sitting this Warrant up at our meeting House to meet at time and place within mention<sup>d</sup>

Benjamin Edmunds Constable of Dudley

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting House in Dudley on Monday the third Day of April AD 1786

first	Voted for a Governor as follows viz	
	for his Excellency James Bowdoin Esq	53 votes
2 <sup>nd</sup> ly	Voted for a Leiut Governor as Do	
	for his Honour Thomas Cushing Esq	47 votes
3 <sup>rd</sup> ly	Voted for Councillors & Senators as Do	
	for the Hon. moses gill Esq <sup>r</sup>	32 votes
	Do Samuel Baker Do	32 Do
	Do Seth Washburn Do	32 Do
	for John Fessenden Do	32 Do
	Do Samuel Curtis Do	31 Do
	Do Eben <sup>r</sup> Crafts Do	1 Do

Worcester SS To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in the s<sup>d</sup> County of Worcester Greeting



In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby Directed forthwith to warne the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the said Town of Dudley. quallified agreeable to the Constitution to Vote for a Representative To meet at our meeting House in said Town on monday the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of may next at one of the Clock in the after noon then and there to act upon the following articals (viz)

first to Elect a person to Represent us at the general Court appointed to be convened and held at the State House in Boston on the last Wednesday of said May next and so from session to session the Insuing year

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to Choose a moderator for the Remainder of said meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to Vote for a County Treasurer for our County of Worcester

4<sup>th</sup>ly to act Relative to a Note of hand Lt Tim<sup>o</sup> Foster Jun<sup>r</sup> gave to Enoch Egleston as the Town thinks best

5<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to act upon any petition or petitions that shall be laid before them as they see fit

6<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to grant money for Necessary Charges this year

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon at or before the said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of April in the year of our Lord 1786

Edward Davis	} Selectmen of Dudley
Jonathan Bacon	
John Warren	
John Eddy.	

Worcester SS may 8<sup>th</sup> 1786 in obedience to this Warrant I have warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley quallified agreeable to the Constitution to Vote Representative to meet at time and place within mentioned by setting up this Warrant at the usual place

Timothy Corbin Constable of Dudley

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting Hous in said Town on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of may Anno Domini 1786

first Voted not to Chuse a Representative this year

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Bacon moderator for the Remainder of s<sup>d</sup> meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted for a County Treasurer as follows viz for m<sup>r</sup> Nathan perrey 32 votes

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted £80 for the Necessary Charges in said Town this year

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan groos Rates in Constable Asa Robinsons hands to Collect

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Dudley April 12<sup>th</sup> 1786 Then met according to appointment at the southwest corner of Dudley which is the southeast corner of Sturbridge and preambulated and Renued the Bounds to the Northeast corner of Woodstock then southerly to the south west corner of Dudley which is the Northwest corner of Thompson

by us W<sup>m</sup> may }  
Willard Child }

by order of the Selectmen of Woodstock

Jacob Chamberlain Selectman of Dudley

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Worcester SS To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are are hereby Requested forthwith to warne the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley quallefied to Vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting House in said Dudley on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of June Instant at two of the Clock in the after noon then and there to act upon the following articals (viz)



*Dudley Town Records, 1786.*

first to Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to see if the Town will agree to petition to the General Court to Instruct their Dalagates at Congress to moove for a Contenental Currency to be immediately made and Emitted for the Release of the Distresses of y<sup>e</sup> people

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to see if the Town will order and Direct the selectmen or some other person or persons in the Name of the Town to Commence an action against Jedidiah Marcy Esq for his giving up a certain Note of hand lodged in his hands for the security of the Town: given to Susannah Sprage late of Dudley Deceased

4<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to hear and act upon any petition or petitions that shall be laid before the Town as they see fitt

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid the 6th Day of June in the year of our Lord 1786

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis Town Clerk

Worcester SS Dudley June 15<sup>th</sup> 1786

In obedience to this Warrant I have warned warned the Inhabetants of the Town of Dudley quallified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at time and place within mentioned by seting up this Warrant at the usual place

Timothy Corbin Constable of Dudley

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting-House in said Town on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of June Anno Domini 1786

first Voted and Chose Cornet Day moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted not to act upon the second artical in the Warrant

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted to have an action Commenced against Jedidiah Marcy Esq for giving up a Note of hand he had in Keeping



against John Albee and James Arnold given to Susannah Sprage late of Dudley Deceased

4<sup>thly</sup> Voted Capt Lemuel Corbin and m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Bacon a Committee to prosecute said action against said Esq Marcy

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Worcester SS To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in the County of Worcester Greeting



In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby Required forthwith to warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley to meet at our meeting House in said Dudley on Fryday the 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of June Instant at three of the Clock in the after noon then and there to act upon the following articals (viz)

1786

first to Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>ndly</sup> to see if the Town will Chuse a person or persons to meet in a County Convention proposed to be held at Leicester on monday next at nine of the Clock in the fore noon

3<sup>rdly</sup> for the Town to Instruct such person or persons (if any be Choses) as they think best

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon at or before the said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of June Anno Domini 1786

Edward Davis Jonathan Bacon Jacob Chamberlain John Warren & John Eddy Selectmen of Dudley

Worcester SS June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1786 By Virtue of this Warrant I have warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned by seting this Warrant up at the usual place

p<sup>r</sup> me Timothy Corbin Constable of Dudley

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At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley assembled in Town meeting June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1786

first Voted Cornet Day moderator for sd meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted to send one person to meet in the proposed County Convention to meet monday next 9 oClock fore noon at m<sup>r</sup> george Bruce<sup>es</sup> Innholder in Leicester

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted m<sup>r</sup> Elisha Corbin said person to Represent us in said Convention

& then adjorned the meeting to friday next at 5 oClock in the afternoon

met agreeable to adjornment and adjorned to Friday the Eleventh Day of August next 1 oClock after noon

met agreeable to adjornment and adjorned to Capt Clarks

& then Resolved into a Committee of the whole Town to Discuss the matters of greavences and to Instruct our Deligate in Convention and after Debating many matters and agreeing upon them Desolved



Worcester SS To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in the said County of Worcester Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby Required forthwith to warne the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley to meet at our meeting House in said Town on monday the Twenty fifth Day of September Instant at one oClock in the after noon then and there to act upon the following articals (viz)

first to Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to Chuse another person as a Deligate to Represent us in the County Convention if the Town sees fitt

3<sup>rd</sup>ly for the Town to Instruct our Deligate or Deligates as the Town thinks best

Hereof fail not and make Due Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon at or before the said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid the 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of September Anno Domini 1786 by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis Town Clerk

Worcester SS September 25<sup>th</sup> 1786 in Obediance to this Warrant I have Warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants

of the Town of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned by setting up this Warrant at the usual place

Timothy Corbin      Constable of Dudley

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At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabetants of the Town of Dudley Assembled in Town meeting the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of Septem<sup>r</sup> Anno Domini 1786

first Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Day moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted to Chuse a person as a Deligate in addition to m<sup>r</sup> Elisha Corbin to Represent us in County Convention

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted Capt Jacob Chamberlain said Deligate

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to Choose a Committee of three to Instruct our Deligates

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Bacon Lt John Warren & m<sup>r</sup> John Chamberlain s<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>tt</sup>

6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to adjorn to Cap<sup>t</sup> Clarks West Room

7<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to take up the Report of said Committee by parrigrasts

8<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to accept said Report as amended

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Worcester SS      To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in the County of Worcester Greeting



In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are Directed forthwith to warne the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Quallified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting House in said Town on Monday the thirtieth Day of October Instant at one of the Clock in the after noon      then and there to act upon the following ar-  
ticals (viz)

first to Choose a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly for the Town to grant money for schooling in our Town the year insuing

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to Choose a School Committee as usual if the Town sees fitt

*Dudley Town Records, 1786.*

4<sup>thly</sup> for the Town to hear and act upon any petition or petitions that shall be laid before them as they think best

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of October Anno Domini 1786

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis Town Clerk

Worcester SS Dudley October 30<sup>th</sup> 1786 In Obedience to this Warrant I have Warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants to meet at time and place within mentioned by setting up this Warrant at the usual place

Timo Corbin Constable of Dudley

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At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly Assembled at our meeting House in said Town on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of October Anno Domini 1786

first Voted and Chose m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Bacon moderator for sd meeting

2<sup>ndly</sup> Voted 60 pounds for schooling the year Insuing

3<sup>rdly</sup> Voted Leiut. Curtis major Healy Thomas Cheney Daniel Mansfield Ens Larned m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Bacon and m<sup>r</sup> John Bracket as Schoole Committees for the year Insuing

4<sup>th ly</sup> Voted to grant m<sup>r</sup> Isaac Lees petition to have the half of the pew spot that was granted to Ralph Vinton

5<sup>thly</sup> Reconsidered said vote and the matter to lay for the present

6<sup>thly</sup> Voted not to grant a horse to m<sup>r</sup> William Coburn

7<sup>thly</sup> Voted not to grant m<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Kidders petition to have his poll tax for 1784 1785 & 1786 abated

8<sup>thly</sup> Voted to allow Edward Davis<sup>es</sup> account of £8-9-11 for keeping m<sup>r</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> Thompson Cow and rent for the gardin that he improves &c

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To the Selectmen of the Town of Dudley humbly shew-  
eth that whereas I the subscriber and family are liable to be  
turned out of Dowers in a few Days and am under such Cir-  
comstances of Life that it is not in my power to procure any  
place to moove to or support my self and famely without as-  
sestance; therefor I pray for that assestance that is in the  
Law in that case made and provided as in Duty bound shall  
ever pray

Dudley November 23rd 1786

J. Harris

Attest Stephen Coman }  
Ezekiel Brown }

a true copy of the complaining or petition

Attest Edward Davis Town Clerk

Worcester SS To Either of the Constables of the Town  
of Dudley in the County of Worcester Greeting



In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you  
are hereby Required forthwith to warn the freeholders and  
other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Quallified agreeable  
to the Constitution to act in T<sup>own</sup> meetings To meet at our  
meeting House in said Town on Friday the Nineteenth Day  
of this Instant January at Nine oClock in the morning to act  
upon the following articals (viz)

first to Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly To instruct our Deligates of the County Convention  
about a revesion of our Constitution as the Town thinks  
best &c

3<sup>rd</sup>ly for the people to hear the Address of the General  
Court to them if they see cause

4<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to Divise ways and means to procure a  
Town stock of powder &c

5<sup>th</sup>ly to see if the Town will abate Josiah Harris Esq<sup>r</sup> Rates  
in Constables Willards and Healys hands to Collect

6<sup>th</sup>ly to see if the Town will grant unto m<sup>r</sup> Isaac Lee that  
half of a pew in our meeting house that was Ralph Vintons  
his paying the first cost of Building the same

*Dudley Town Records, 1787.*

Hereof fail not and make Due Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid the fourth Day of January Anno Domini 1787

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis Town Clerk

Worcester SS January 19<sup>th</sup> 1787 in obedience to this Warrant I have Warned and Notified the within Named Inhabitants to meet at time and place within mentioned by setting up this warrant at the meeting house as usual.

p<sup>r</sup> Stephen Healy Constable of Dudley

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly Assembled at our meeting house on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of January A D 1787

first Voted and Chose Capt. Day moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted to have the Constitution amended in some articals 53 yeas 16 nays

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted not to attend the Reading the address of the General Court at this time.

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to pass the fourth artical Calling upon the Constables to furnish the Selectmen with money to purchis the Town stock

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate Josiah Harris Esq Rates in Constables Willards and Healys hands to Collect

6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to pass the sixth artical

Worcester SS To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in said County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to Warn or Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the said Town of Dudley Quallified to Vote in





Town affairs to meet at our Meetinge House in said Dudley on Monday the fifth day of March next at ten of the Clock in the forenoon then and there to act upon the following articals (viz)

first to Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to Chuse Town officer for the year Insuing as the Law Directs

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to see if the Town will let their swine run at large this year

4<sup>th</sup>ly to Chuse a Grave Diger and a person to take cair of our meeting House

5<sup>th</sup>ly to grant money for our Highways and Bridges this year and agree how the same shall be expended

6<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to accept of the Road laid out by the Selectmen for m<sup>r</sup> Lot Marsh from his Land to the County Road

7<sup>th</sup>ly to vote for a County Treasurer

8<sup>th</sup>ly to Chuse a pound keeper

9<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to act Relative to them Notes that was given unto Jeremiah Shumway as they see fitt

and make Due Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the said day

Dated at Dudley aforesaid the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of February A D 1787

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis Town Clerk

Worcester SS March 5<sup>th</sup> 1787 In obedience to this Warrant I have Warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Quallified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at time and place within mentioned by setting up this Warrant at the usual place

Timothy Corbin Constable of Dudley

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At a meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly Assembled at our meeting House in said Town on monday the fifth Day of march A D 1787

- first Voted and Chose major Healy moderator for said meeting
- 1787 2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted Edward Davis Town Clerk who is sworn
- 3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted to have 5 Selectmen this year
- 4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Edward Davis first Selectman
- 5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Bacon second do
- 6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Major Healy Third Do
- 7<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Capt Corbin fourth Do
- 8<sup>th</sup>ly Ens Larned fifth Do
- 9<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Leiut Curtis Town Treasurer
- 10<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to have 3 Assessors this year
- 11<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Edward Davis first Assessor who is sworn
- 12<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> John Eddy second Do who is sworn
- 13<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Leiut<sup>t</sup> Tim<sup>o</sup> Foster Jun<sup>r</sup> third Do who is sworn
- 14<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Healy West End Constable who is sworn
- 15<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Ephraim Corbin East End Constable who is sworn
- 16<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Thomas Larned & John Lawton Wardians.
- 17<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Josiah Hovey & William Foster Tithing men
- 18<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Ebenezer White and m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Healy fence Viewers
- 19<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Major Healy Sealer of weghts and measurs
- 20<sup>th</sup>ly Voted John Healy Sealer of Leather
- 21<sup>st</sup>ly Voted Josiah Hovey Culler of Lumber &c who is sworn.
- 22<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted Leiut Keith Daniel Arnold Capt Clark John Lawton Eliakim Robinson William Vinton Ens Amidon & Ebenezer White Surveyers of Highways and Collectors of the Highway Rate
- 23<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted that the Surveyers of Highways shall be Collectors of the Highway Rates
- 24<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to let our swine run at large this year
- 25<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Samuel Davis & Benjamin Morriss Jun<sup>r</sup> Hog Reives

26<sup>thly</sup> Voted Leiut Elwell to take the cair of our meeting House

27<sup>thly</sup> Voted Ezbon Carter to be pound Keeper .

28<sup>thly</sup> Voted Ezbon Carter to be Grave Diger

29<sup>thly</sup> Voted 40 pounds for the Cost of our Highways and Bridges the year Insuing

30<sup>thly</sup> Voted that the same shall be worked out at three shillings per Day on or before the first Day of October next

31<sup>stly</sup> Voted for a county Treasurer as follows for m<sup>r</sup> Nathan perry 25 Votes

32<sup>ndly</sup> Voted to accept of the Road laid out by the Selectmen for Lot Marsh from his Land across the Healys wood lot to the county Road

33<sup>rdly</sup> Voted that the Selectmen Call upon the Constables immediately to Collect in money or stock what is Due on the Notes given unto Jeremiah Shumwas now in the hands of m<sup>r</sup> Robbins of Boston

34<sup>thly</sup> Voted to let Capt Sam<sup>l</sup> Healys serving Constable be for a turn for his son Moses.

The before Named officers have taken the Oaths of office and those required by Law have taken and subscribed the oath of allegiance to this commonwealth contained in the constitution

Dudley November 13th 1786 then we the Subscribers laid out a Road for Mr Lot Marsh as follows (viz) begining at said Marsh<sup>es</sup> south Line at a small wallnout or black oak stadle near said Line being marked and then it Runs near southwest on Land of Joseph and Nathaniel Healys till it comes to the East Line of Mr Joseph Uphams Land to a stake and stones then southerly by said m<sup>r</sup> Uphams east line till it comes to the County Road the whole of the Road to be on the said Healys land and the Road two Rods wide easterly from the bounds aforesaid

Edward Davis	} Selectmen of Dudley
Jonathan Bacon	
Jacob Chamberlain	

*Dudley Town Records, 1787.*

the above Road was laid before the Town in March 1787  
and accepted

att<sup>st</sup>

Edward Davis

Town Clerk



Worcester SS To Either of the Constables of the Town  
of Dudley in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you  
are hereby Required forthwith to warn or Notify the free-  
holder and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley quallified  
agreeable to the Constitution to Vote for a Governor &c to  
meet at our meeting House in Dudley on monday the second  
Day of April next at one of the Clock in the after  
noon then and there to act upon the following articals viz

first to Vote for a Governer

2<sup>nd</sup>ly to Vote for a Leiut Governer

3<sup>rd</sup>ly to Vote for Counsellors and Senators (agreeable to  
Law)

4<sup>th</sup>ly to Chuse a moderator for the Remainder of said  
meeting

5<sup>th</sup>ly For the Town to Dismiss their members of the  
County Convention or act thereon as they see fitt

6<sup>th</sup>ly for the Town to act Relative to abating of taxes that  
the Constable cannot collect as they think best

7<sup>th</sup>ly For the Town to hear and act upon any petition or  
petitions that shall be laid before them as they see fitt

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with  
your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the said  
Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid this 19th Day of March  
Anno Domini 1787

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis

Town Clerk

Worcester SS In obedience to the within Warrant I  
have warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants in the

Town of Dudley quallified to Vote by setting this warrant up  
at our meeting House as usual by me

Samuel Healy Constable

Dudley April 2nd 1787

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At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabetants of the  
Town of Dudley (quallified to Vote for a Governor &c)  
(Duly warned) at our meeting House in said Dudley on Mon-  
day the second Day of March in the year of our Lord 1787

first Voted for a Governer as follows

for his Excelency James Bowdion Esqr 3 votes

Do John Hancok Do 60 Do

for the Hon Benjamin Lincoln Do 2 Do

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted for a Leiut Governor as follows

for His Hon<sup>r</sup> Thomas Cushing Esq 49 votes

for the Hon Benjamin Lincoln Do 13 Do

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted for Counsellors & Senators as follows

for the Hon Moses Gill Esq 4 votes

Do Samuel Baker Do 1 vote

Do Seth Washburn Do 9 votes

Do Abel Wilder Do 51 Do

Amos Singletary Do 45 Do

Jonathan Groute Do 45 Do

Joseph Read Do 05 Do

Mr Joseph Stone 45 Do

Do Ebenezer Davis 03 Do

Cap<sup>t</sup> Stephen Maynard 53 Do

Do Bezaliel Taft 5 Do

Do John Tyler 3 Do

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Mr Jonathan Day moderator for the Remainder  
of said meeting

6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to Dismiss all our members of County Con-  
ventions

7<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate 30 / of James Curtis rates that  
Daniel Newell had given a Note for and credit Constable  
Chamberlain the same sum

8<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to have the Town Treasurer Credit Constable Chamberlain the sum of 46: 13: 8: 2 being Due from the following persons viz

Daniel Willcoks 11: 16: 10: William Gorden 4: 9: 6  
Joseph Phillips 8: 2: 3: 3 Nathan Powers 14/ 6: 2: Ed-  
ward Washburn 18/ 6 Eleazer May 2: 2: 6; William Hobbs  
30/ Isaiah Pratt 32/ 6: 1 James Curtis 3/ 9: 1 John  
Jones 21 Elizabeth & Joseph Senah 41 1 1 and the said  
Constable Chamberlain is to collect all <sup>or</sup> any of said Rates if  
he can and to account to the Town for what he collects John  
Edmunds 12: 1: 1: 2

9<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to have the Town Treasury Credit Constable  
Dodge 14: 2: 1: 1: it being William Averel Samuel Com-  
stok & Mikal Titas taxes & he to collect and account as afore  
said

10<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate Jonathan Groos Rates in Dodges list  
being 1: 14; 10: 1

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Worcester SS To Either of the Constables of the Town  
of Dudley in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you  
hereby Directed forthwith to Warne the freeholders and  
other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley quallified agreeable  
to the Constitution to Vote for a Representative to meet at  
our meeting House in said Dudley on Friday the Eighteenth  
Day of may Instant at two of the Clock in the afternoon then  
and there to act upon the following articals (viz)

first to Elect or Depute a person to Represent us in the  
General Court appointed to be holden at the State House in  
Boston on the Last Wednesday of may Instant &c

2<sup>nd</sup>ly To Chuse a moderator for the Remainder of said  
meeting if needed & to hear and act upon any petition or  
petitions that shall be laid before the Town as they think  
best

hereof fail not and make Due return of this Warrant with  
your Doings thereon at or before the said Day



Dated at Dudley aforesaid the fourth Day may in the year  
of our Lord 1787.

Edward Davis	}	Selectmen of Dudley
Jonathan Bacon		
Nathaniel Healy		
Lemuel Corbin		
Will <sup>m</sup> Larned Jr		

Worcester SS Dudley May 18<sup>th</sup> 1787 In obedience  
to the within written I have warned the freeholders and  
other Inhabitants of this Town to meet at our meeting House  
on said Day by setting up this Warrant as usual  
by me Samuel Healy Constable

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At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the  
Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at our meeting House  
in Dudley aforesaid on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1787  
first Voted to send a Representative to the General Court  
this year  
2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Day said Representative  
no petitions being offered the meeting was Desolved without  
chusing a moderator being no business to Do further

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mrs Corttis petition for Support

To the Selectmen of the Town of Dudley: Sirs in as much  
as I the Subscriber an Inhabitant of said Town am very  
aged and unable to support myself therefore pray for releafe  
as to a home and Necessaries to subsist upon as in Duty  
bound &c

Sarah X Corttis  
mark

Dudley Aug 3 1787

Attest { Ephraim Bates  
          { Nathan Jeffords

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Worcester SS To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby Required forthwith to warne the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley quallified agreeable to Law to Vote for a Representative to meet at our meeting House in said Town on Tuesday the Eleventh Day of December next at ten of the clock in the forenoon then and there to act upon the following articals viz

first to Chuse a Delegate to Represent us in the State Convention appointed to meet at the State House in Boston on the second Wednesday of January next agreeable to a late Resolve of the General Court to take into Consideration the Constitution or frame of government proposed by the Continental Convention and act thereon as they think best

2<sup>nd</sup>ly To Chuse a moderator for the remainder of said meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly To grant money for schooling the year Insuing

4<sup>th</sup>ly To Chuse Schoole Committees as usual if they see fitt

5<sup>th</sup>ly To grant money for other Necessary Charges in our Town the year Insuing

hereof fail not and make Due Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the said Day: Dated at Dudley aforesaid the Nineteenth Day of November in the year of our Lord 1787

by order of the Selectmen

Edward Davis Town Clerk

Worcester SS December 11<sup>th</sup> 1787 In obedience to this Warrant I have warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of this Town to meet at our meeting House on said Day according to Law by setting up this Warrant as usual

Samuel Healy Constable of Dudley

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At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly Assembled at our meeting House in Dudley on Tuesday Eleventh Day of December 1787

first Voted M<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Day our Deligate to Represent us at the State Convention to meet at the State House in Boston the second Wednesday of January next to consider of the proposed federal Constitution

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted M<sup>r</sup> John Chamberlain moderator for the remainder of said meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted and granted sixty pounds for Schooling the year Insuing

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Eleazer putney Jun<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Elisha Corbin Lt Ezekiel Brown Dr Eaton Ebenezer White Lt James Hill & Ebenezer Edmunds School Committees

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted & granted two Hundred pounds for other Necessary in our Town the year Insuing

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March 1788 Worcester SS To Either of the Constable of the Town of Dudley in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby Required forthwith to warn or Notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley quallified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at our Meeting House in Said Dudley on Monday the Third Day of March Next at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon then and there to act upon the Following articles (Viz)

First To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> To Chuse Town officers for the Year Insuing as the Law Directs

3<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will Let their Swine Run at Large as usual The Year Insuing

4<sup>ly</sup> To grant Money for our Highways & bridges this Year and agree how the same shall be Expended

5<sup>ly</sup> To See if the Town will agree to hire a Collector or Collectors of Taxes For the Year insuing they procuring good Bondsmen

6<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will allow Lieut. Curtis Town Treasurer ten Pounds That he Cannot account for as he supposes by an order being Lost or Mislaidd

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Hereof fail Not and Make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the said Day of

Dated at Dudley aforesaid the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of February in the year of our Lord 1788

By order of the Select Men

Edward Davis Town Clerk

Worcester SS Dudley March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1788

In obedience to the within Warrent I have warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley quallified to Vote in Town Affairs by setting up this warrent at our Meeting house as the Law Directs

by me Sam<sup>l</sup> Healy Constable of Dudley

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly Assembled at our Meeting house on Monday the Third Day of March AD 1788

First Voted and Chose M<sup>r</sup> Jona<sup>t</sup> Day Moderator for Said meeting

2 <sup>ly</sup>	Voted John Chamberlain Town Clerk	} These men have Taken the Oaths Required by Law
	who is sworn	
3 <sup>ly</sup>	Voted to have 5 select Men this Year	
4 <sup>ly</sup>	Voted M <sup>r</sup> Jona <sup>t</sup> Day first selectman	
5 <sup>ly</sup>	Voted Lt John Warren second Select Man	
6 <sup>ly</sup>	Voted Cap <sup>t</sup> Jacob Chamberlain Third Do	
7 <sup>ly</sup>	Voted Ens. Will <sup>m</sup> Larned Fourth Do	
8 <sup>ly</sup>	Voted M <sup>r</sup> Isaac Lee fifth Do	

9<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Have 5 Assessors this Year And the Men Chosen to Refuse the office if they Expect To be paid for assessing the Taxes

10 <sup>ly</sup>	Voted John Fenner Esq <sup>r</sup> first Assessor	} These Per- sons have Taken the Oaths Re- quired by Law.
11 <sup>ly</sup>	Voted Ebenezar Foster Second Do	
12 <sup>ly</sup>	Voted L <sup>t</sup> Ezekiel Brown Third Do	
13 <sup>ly</sup>	Voted L <sup>t</sup> James Hill Fourth Do	
14 <sup>ly</sup>	Voted M <sup>r</sup> John Bracket Fifth Do	
15 <sup>ly</sup>	Voted M <sup>r</sup> Simeon Wood Town Treasurer	

16<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Hire a Collector this Year he giving Bonds with two good Bondsmen to save the Town harmless from his Neglect or failing to Collect & pay the Taxes according to Law

17<sup>ly</sup> Voted M<sup>r</sup> Timothy Corbin Collector and Constable he being the Lowest bidder bid it off at Twopence the pound

18<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Accept Silas Hayden & Joshua Corbin as Bondsmen for Timothy Corbin Constable

19<sup>ly</sup> Voted Ephraim Corbin & Thomas Cheney Wardiean

20<sup>ly</sup> Voted Nath<sup>l</sup> Healy jr & Josiah Hovey Tythen men

21<sup>ely</sup> Voted L<sup>t</sup> Moses Jewell & Will<sup>m</sup> Foster Fence Viewers

22<sup>ly</sup> Voted Maj. Nath<sup>l</sup> Heally Sealer of Weights and Measures

23<sup>ly</sup> Voted John Voce Sealer of Leather

24<sup>ly</sup> Voted Josiah Hovey Culler of Lumber

25<sup>ly</sup> Voted Edward Chamberlain, Jedediah Corbin, Andrew Brown Luther Chamberlain Lemuel Healy Obadiah Bates & Gideon Sabin Surveyors of the Highways

26<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Surveyors of the Highwas Shall be Collector of that Rate

27<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Let our swine run at Large this Year

28<sup>ly</sup> Voted John Lawton, Elijah Hayden, Ruber Stone & Joseph Davis Jr. Hogreaves

29<sup>ly</sup> Voted Forty Pounds for the Cost of our Highways & Bridges this year

30<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Same Shall be worked out at 3/0 p<sup>r</sup> Day On or before the first Day of October Next

31<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Pospone Lt Curtis Request till the First Monday in April

32<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in April next And it was adjourned According Meet agreeable to adjournment

1<sup>st</sup> Voted Not to allow Lieut John Curtis Request in the 6<sup>th</sup> article

All the above Officers are Sworn Except N<sup>t</sup> Healy Ephraim Corbin & Obadiah bates Ephraim Corbin is since sworn



April 1788 Worcester SS. To the Constable of the Town of Dudley In the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; you are Hereby required forthwith to warn or Notify the freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Qualified to Vote agreeable to the Constitution for Governour &c. to meet at our Meeting house in Dudley on Monday the Seventh Day of April Next at one of The Clock in the afternoon then and there to act upon the following Articles (Viz)

First To vote for a Governour

2<sup>nd</sup>ly To Vote for a Lieut. Governour

3<sup>rd</sup>ly To Vote for Counsellors and Senators (agreeable to Law)

4<sup>th</sup>ly To Vote and Chuse a Moderator for the remainder of S<sup>d</sup> Meeting

5<sup>th</sup>ly To Vote for a County Treasurer for our County of Worcester

6<sup>th</sup>ly For the Town to act Relative to abating of Taxes in Constable Corbins, Willards, Dodges, and Healys hands that they Cannot Collect As they think best

7<sup>th</sup>ly To see if the Town will abate James Arnold Ministers Rate for the Year 1787 and also Ezekiel Browns Minister rate for the year 1784 or act thereon as they think best

8<sup>th</sup>ly To see if the Town will Divide the Two School Wards Near M<sup>r</sup> Gores and Cap<sup>t</sup> Corbins and make Three Wards or Destricts of the Two

9<sup>th</sup>ly To see if the Town will acquiesce in Disposing of some of our poor People Belonging to the Town by way of Vendue or by the Loest Bidder for their Maintainance

Hereof fail Not and Make Due return of this warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the Said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid the Twenty Fourth Day of March Anno Domini 1788

By order of the Selectmen .

John Chamberlain Town Clerk

Worcester SS. April 7<sup>th</sup> 1788 In obedience to this Warrent I have Warned the Freeholders & other inhabitants of



the Town of Dudley Quallified to Vote agreeable to the Constitution for a Governour to meet At time and place within mentioned by setting up a True Coppy of this Warrent at the usual place as the Law Directs

Timothy Corbin      Constable of Dudley

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At a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Dudley quallified to Vote for Governour &c Regularly assembled At our Meeting house in Dudley on Monday the seventh Day of April AD 1788

First	Voted For a Governour as Followeth (Viz)	
	For his Excellency John Handcock Esq <sup>r</sup>	78 Votes
	Hon. Elbridge Gerry Esq	2 Do
2 <sup>nd</sup> ly	Voted for Lieut. Governour as Followeth	
	For the Hon. James Warren Esqr.	25 Votes
	For the Hon. Benjamin Lincoln Esqr.	24 Do
	For the Hon. Elbridge Gerry	22 Do
	For the Hon. Nath <sup>l</sup> Gorham Do	1 Do
	For Edward Davis Esqr	1 Do
	For M <sup>r</sup> Joshua Robbins	1 Do
3 <sup>rd</sup> ly	Voted For Counsellors and Senators as Follows	
	For the Hon Peter Penimon Esq.	46 Votes
	For the Hon. Amos Singlitary Do	45 Do
	For the Hon. John Fesenden Do	45 Do
	For the Hon. Jonathan Grout Do	45 Do
	For the Hon. John Taylor Do	46 Do
	For the Hon. Moses Gill Do	21 Do
	For the Hon. Sam <sup>l</sup> Baker Do	21 Do
	For the Hon. Seth Wasbourn Do	21 Do
	For the Hon. John Sprague Do	22 Do
	For the Hon. Abel Wilder Do	22 Do
	For Timothy Pain Esqr.	1 Do
	Bezaleal Taft Esqr.	1 Do
	Ebe <sup>r</sup> Larned Esqr.	1 Do
	For the Hon. Joseph Stone Esqr.	1 Do
	Josiah Whitney Esqr.	1 Do
	Timothy Fuller Esqr.	1 Do

*Dudley Town Records, 1788.*

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Mr Jonathan Day Moderator for the remainder of s<sup>d</sup> Meeting

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted for a County Treasurer as Follows ( Viz )  
For Nathan Perry Esqr. 37 Votes

6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to take up the Matter of abating Taxes in Constable Corbins And Willard hands

7<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate Isaac Bolsters rates in Constable Corbins hands 4 / 6

8<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate or so far abate some Taxes in Constable Willards Lists as follows He being accountable to the Town for the whole sums hereafter Mentioned or any part thereof if it is Ever in his power to Collect Them

The sum abated is £ 10 : 8 : 10 in the Following mens hands  
Viz Joseph Phillips £7 : 6 : 3 Joseph Senath £ 1 : 2 : 6 :  
2 Elizabeth Senath £ 0 : 2 : 0 Will<sup>m</sup> Gorden £ 1 : 14 : 6 :  
1 Jacob Amidown £ 0 : 2 : 4 3. Benj<sup>a</sup> Freeman £ 0 : 0 :  
11 : 3 the Selectmen to Give an order on the Town Treasurer to the amount of £ 10 : 8 : 10

9<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate Zephaniah Tuckers rates in Constable Corbins hands To the amount of £ 2 : 2 : 11 : 3

10<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate Jacob Jacksons rates in Constable Corbins hands to the Amount of £ 1 : 15 : 9 on the Following Condition viz if Corbin Ever Can Collect them he is to be accountable to the Town and is To Exert himself to get them

11<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Not to abate James Arnold Minister rate in the year 1787

12<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Not to abate Ezekiel Browns Minister rate for 1784

13<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to Let the 8<sup>th</sup> Article Subside till May Meeting

We the Subscribers Selectmen of Oxford and Dudley mett and Preambleated the Line between said Towns begining at the south east Corner of Charlton thence Eastwardly to a heep of stones thence Southardly to a Black oak Tree & stones the North side of s<sup>d</sup> Dudley Road thence Southardly renewing

the bounds to a Maple Tree & stones By the North side of the  
Mill Brook that Emptys out of the Great Pond by us

Eben<sup>r</sup> Humphry } Selectmen  
Eph<sup>r</sup> Russel } of Oxford

Jonathan Day } Selectmen  
Will<sup>m</sup> Larned } of Dudley

Worcester SS. To the Constable of the Town of Dudley in Said County Greeting



In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are Hereby Directed forthwith to warn or Notify the Freeholders And other Inhabitants of Said Town Quallified (agreeable To the Constitution) to Vote for a Representative to meet at Our Meeting House in said Dudley on Thursday the Eighth Day of May Next at one O Clock in the Afternoon then And there to act upon the Following articles ( Viz )

May  
Warrant

First To Elect a Person to represent us at the General Court appointed To be holden at the State House in Boston on the Last Wednesday of May Next and from session to session whenever the said Court Shall Sit for the year Insuing

2<sup>nd</sup>ly To Chuse a Moderator for the remainder of said Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly To see if the Town will order the Town Clerk to rase out Certain Lines Enserted in the Town Book Relative to the Rev M<sup>r</sup> Gleason Sallery in the Year 1779 which he Saith is Not true

4<sup>th</sup>ly To see if the Town will Reconsider the Vote Not allowing Lt. Curtis Town Treasurer ten pounds which was Lost or Mislaid As he supposes which was passed Last Town Meeting and Allow the Ten Pounds or act thereon as they think best

5<sup>th</sup>ly To see what the Town will Do relative to a Note of hand that M<sup>r</sup> Jona<sup>t</sup> Day has given for Henry Brown's rates

6<sup>thly</sup> To act Relative to abating Taxes in Constable Dodges and Healys Lists which they Cannot Collect or any other Constable

7<sup>thly</sup> For the Town to act Relative to the Middle of the Towns Building a School House near the Meeting House or any Other place as they Can agree and they to Draw their own Money and the Two remote parts of the Town by M<sup>r</sup> Uphams And Lieu<sup>t</sup> Warrens Draw their Money

8<sup>thly</sup> To see if the Town will abate Ephraim Bates Minister rates in Constable Ephraim Corbins rates or hands

Hereof fail Not and Make Due return of this Warrent With your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the Said Day. Dated at Dudley aforesaid the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of April in the Year of our Lord 1788

By order of the Selectmen

John Chamberlain T. Clerk

N. B. the Inhabitants are Desired to attend Punctual at the time

Worcester SS. May 8<sup>th</sup> 1788 In obedience to the within warrent I have warned the Freeholders And other Inhabitants Quallified agreeable to the Constitution to Vote for a representative to meet at time and place within Mentioned by setting up a True Copy of this warrent as the Law Directs

Timothy Corbin Constable of Dudley

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Quallified to Vote for a representative &c Regularly assembled on Thursday the Eighth Day of May 1788

First Voted to send a Representative

2<sup>ndly</sup> Voted Lieu<sup>t</sup> John Warren said Representative this year

3<sup>rdly</sup> Voted and Chose M<sup>r</sup> Jona<sup>t</sup> Day Moderator of the remainder of said Meeting

4<sup>thly</sup> Voted to pass over the 3<sup>d</sup> article in the Warrent

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to reconsider the Vote that was passed the Last Town Meeting relative to not allowing L<sup>t</sup> John Curtis Town Treasurer Ten pounds which he Lost or Could not account for and to allow it

6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to have the 5<sup>th</sup> article in the warrent subside

7<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate Stephen Spaulding rates in Cons. Dodges hands To the amount of £ 0. 9. 7

8<sup>th</sup>ly Voted not to abate John Heaths rates in Cons. Dodges hands

9<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate I. Bolsters rates in Const. Dodges hands Amounting to £ 0. 1. 11. 1

10<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to put over the matter about abating Widow Slys rates in Constable Dodges hands

11<sup>th</sup> ly Voted to order the Town Treasurer to Credit Constable Dodge for David Thayres rates £ 0. 4. 1½

12<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate Daniel Haydens Rates in Constable Dodges hands £ 10. 5. 3. 1

13<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to let the matter Subside about abating W<sup>m</sup> Hobbs rates In Constable Step. Healys hands and he Not to be Called on at present for s<sup>d</sup> rates

14<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to Let the matter Subside about abating Taxes in Const Stephen Healys hands and he Not to be Called on for such as he Cannot Collect

15<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to Let the 7<sup>th</sup> article Subside till the next Town Meeting

16<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate Ephraim Bates Minister rates in Constable Ephraim Corbins hands

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May 19<sup>th</sup> 1788

We the Subscribers Selectmen of Charlton and Dudley Mett And Preamblated the Line between said Towns Beginning At the South East Corner of Charlton thence runing Westardly To a White oak Tree Marked thence to a Black oak Tree marked thence To a Walnut Tree with stones about it thence to a Chesnut Tree Marked thence to a stake and stones thence

to a stake and stones thence to a stake and stones thence to a White oak Tree Marked Thence to a white oak Tree thence to a white oake Tree Thence to a Walnut Tree thence to a stake & stones Thence to a white oak Tree with stones about it thence to the South West Corner of Charlton and North west Corner of Dudley

Witness our Hands

John Warren	} Selectmen of Dudley and Charlton
Isaac Lee	
Free Comings	
Eph <sup>im</sup> Morey	

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At a Council Convened at Dudley, August the 19<sup>th</sup> 1788— Present the Honorable Joseph Dorr; Joseph Reed Esq<sup>rs</sup> & Joseph Huntington D. D. a Complaint was laid before the Council, by Edward Davis Esq<sup>r</sup> against the Rev<sup>d</sup> Pastor of the Church in this place And Col<sup>o</sup> Jonathan Day Charging the said Pastor And S<sup>d</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> Day with a breach of the Ninth Commandment, as by S<sup>d</sup> Complaint, bearing date June 19 1788 on File appears — also a charge was brought against the Above named Edward Davis Esq<sup>r</sup> for breach of the fourth Commandment, in absenting himself from the Holy sacrament of the lord's supper, and other unbecoming Conduct on The same occation; and some other matters relative to the expence of S<sup>d</sup> Council were also Submitted to the decesion of the Same.

Result of  
Council  
1788

The Council opened by Prayer: and after a Deliberate and Impartial attention to the Evindences and all arguments That were offered, and a mature consideration of the same, the Council have unanimously agreed on the following result, (Viz) with regard to the S<sup>d</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> Pastor and Colo Day, It is our opinion that the charge brought against them is not sufficiently supported, and that what they said relative to Deacon Davis in alledging that he made a record not agreeable to the Truth of facts &c. was spoken according to their opinion



and Understanding of the Vote of the Town in that case and also Agreeable to the Justice of the matter contained in S<sup>d</sup> Vote Although, at the same time Gospel Charity leads us to believe that the S<sup>d</sup> Decon did record the said vote according to his own sense and understanding of the same; yet we disapprove of the vague and incorrect method in which S<sup>d</sup> record was made; and we look on this article only as a Misunderstanding between the adverse parties, which is unhappy, but not criminal, as a matter of Censure.

And with regard to the accusation against Decon Davis, As above expressed; it is our opinion that the S<sup>d</sup> Deacon unhappily Deceived from his Duty, in absenting himself from the Holy Sacrament, & in neglected a Seasonable preparation of the Elements & vessels necessary in the administration of the Same; and we think it his duty to disapprove of his conduct In that matter, which we Judge he may sufficiently do by an Express approbation of this our result of Council at this time in the presence of this assembly.

We are Happy to observe so much Charity, Candor, and Christian Temper, as hath appeared in the managment of this Controversy, Since we have been present; and add our fervent and Devout prayers, that a spirit of love, truth and a sound mind may ever abundantly prevail in this place; that it may please the Great Head of the Church to afford you his richest blessings with A preached Gospel and the ordenances of it; to build you up in Faith and Love, and in his own time to present you all Faultless before the presence of his Glory with Exceeding Joy.

Passed in Council at Dudley the day Years Above written

Attest J. Huntington Scribe

P. S. Inasmuch as the labors of this Council have been Sincerely designed for the Good of this church, inclusive of great benefit to the Town, in the restoration of Peace to the Church & Securing of Harmony & tranquility to the Town: we think It most advisable that the Church should see that

the expense of Council be defrayed, nothing doubting that the Good people of the Town will voluntarily bear their small proportion Therein

By order of the Church and Town

John Chamberlain      Town Clerk

October  
Warrant  
1788

Worcester SS.      To the Constable of the Town of  
Dudley in said County Greeting

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required forthwith to warn or notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town of Dudley Quallified To vote in Town affairs to meet at our Meeting house in S<sup>d</sup> Town on monday the Twenty Seventh Day of October Instant at one O Clock in the afternoon      Then and There to act upon the Following articles (viz)

First To chuse a moderator for S<sup>d</sup> Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly For the Town to grant money for schooling the present year

3<sup>rd</sup>ly To Chuse School Committees for the present year

4<sup>th</sup>ly To see if the Town will Chuse a Committee to settle with The Rev. Charles Gleason relative to the arrearges Due to him Up to the present year and make report to the Town as soon as may be      or act thereon as the town shall see fitt

5<sup>th</sup>ly For the Town to grant money for our Necessary charges the Present Year if Needed

6<sup>th</sup>ly To see what the Town will do about selling the land belonging To the Town where Will<sup>m</sup> Cobourn Lately Lived or act thereon As the Town thinks best.

Hereof fail not and Make due return of this warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before s<sup>d</sup> Day

Dated at dudley aforesaid this Thirteenth day of Oc<sup>r</sup> Anno Dominni 1788

By order of the Selectmen

John Chamberlain      Town Clerk

Worcester SS Oct<sup>r</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1788      In obedience to the within  
Warrant I have Notified the Freeholders and other Inhabitants

of                      Quallified to Vote in Town affairs to meet  
at time and place within mentioned by setting up a True  
copy of this warrant as the Law Directs

Timothy Corbin      Constable

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At a meeting of the Freeholders and other inhabitants of  
the Town of Dudley Quallified to Vote in Town affairs Regu-  
larly Assembled on monday the Twenty seventh day of  
Oc<sup>r</sup> 1788

First Voted Col<sup>o</sup> Jon<sup>t</sup> Day Moderator for said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted 60 £ for schooling this Year

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted Maj<sup>r</sup> Healy, Jon<sup>t</sup> Bacon, Cap<sup>t</sup> Chamberlain,  
Josiah Conat, Mark Ellwell, Cap<sup>t</sup> Eddy and L<sup>t</sup> Hill school  
Committees

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted that the Town Chuse a Committee Confer  
with the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Gleason respecting the arrearages and make  
report to the Town At the next meeting

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Col<sup>o</sup> Day, Jon<sup>t</sup> Bacon, & John Chamberlain  
Said Committee

6<sup>th</sup> Voted to grant 50 £ for our Necessary charges this  
year.

7<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to pass by the 6<sup>th</sup> article

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Worcester SS.      To the Constable of the Town of Dudley  
in s<sup>d</sup> County Greeting

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts you are  
hereby Required forthwith to warn or Notify the freeholders  
and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley quallified to  
Vote for a representative To meet at our meeting house in  
Dudley on Thursday the Eighteenth Day of Dece<sup>r</sup> instant at  
Ten OClock in the forenoon then and there To act upon  
the following articles (Viz) to Chuse a person to represent  
The County of Worcester in the Congress of the united  
States Also to vote for Two persons as Candidates for



Dec<sup>r</sup>  
Warrant  
1788

the County aforesaid For an Elector of the President and Vice President of the united States

2<sup>nd</sup>ly To chuse a Moderator for the remainder of Said Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly To hear the report of the Committee chosen the Last Town Meeting To Confer with the Rev. Charles Gleason Relative to the arrearges due To him and act thereon as the Town thinks best.

4<sup>th</sup>ly To see if the Town will abate the following taxes in Constable Putneys Hands to Collect (Viz) Josiah Harris 12 / 9 Ezra holbrook 10 / 6 John Johnson 15 / 6 Pearly Phillips 16 / 6  $3\frac{1}{4}$  Benj<sup>a</sup> Rogers 9 /  $2\frac{1}{4}$  Eliz Senath /  $11\frac{1}{4}$  Joseph Senath 9 /  $2\frac{1}{4}$  Zachariah Senath 9 /  $2\frac{1}{4}$  And Joseph Bälcom 9 /  $2\frac{1}{4}$

5<sup>th</sup>ly To see if the Town will Divide the Two School wards Near M<sup>r</sup> Gores & Cap<sup>t</sup> Corbins and Make Three and Let Each ward When Divided draw there own money

6<sup>th</sup>ly For the Town to consider whether it is best to sell the Land where Will<sup>m</sup> Coburn lately Lived

Hereof fail not and make Due return of this warrent With your doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before S<sup>d</sup> Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid this Second day of Dec<sup>r</sup> AD 1788

By order of the Selectmen

John Chamberlain Town Clerk

Worcester SS Dec<sup>r</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1788 I have warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Quallified to Vote for a representative to meet and place within mentioned by setting up a True Coppy of this warrent at the usual place

Pr me Timothy Corbin Constable of Dudley

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley regularly assembled on Thursday the Eighteenth Day of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1788

1<sup>st</sup> Voted for a representative as follows Viz

For Jonathan Grout Esq <sup>r</sup>	21 Votes
For John Sprage Esq <sup>r</sup>	16 Ditto
For Timothy Paine Esq <sup>r</sup>	2 Ditto
For Electors as follows (Viz)	
For Timothy Paine Esq <sup>r</sup>	27 Votes
For John Fessenden Esq <sup>r</sup>	19 Ditto
For Artemas Ward Esq <sup>r</sup>	8 Ditto

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted Col<sup>o</sup> Jon<sup>t</sup> Day Moderator for the remainder of Said Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted to refer acting upon the report of the Committee Chosen the Last meeting to Treat with Rev. m<sup>r</sup> Gleason About arrearages till march meeting Next

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate Josiah Harriss rates in Constable Putneys hands 13 / 9

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted for the Town Treasurer to Credit Constable Putneys 16 0 $\frac{3}{4}$  For Pearly Phillips & also Benj<sup>a</sup> Rogers 9 2 $\frac{3}{4}$

6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate Joseph and Elizabeth Senath rates in Putneys Hands amounting to 10 0 And also abated John Fosters rates in Cons Corbins hands 3 £ 9

7<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to Chuse a Committee to Consider at Large The Ill Conveniency of The 2 School wards by mr gores and Capt<sup>t</sup> Corbins and to make Three if Needful and also to Consider Whether in stead of makeing Three wards of the Two mentioned It would not be Expedient to have one in the Middle of the Town and then Let the Extreems be Provided for afterwards

8<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> John Eddy Ens John Chamberlain & L<sup>t</sup> Ezekiel Brown said Committee

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Worcester SS To the Constable of the Town of Dudley in Said County Greeting

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby Required forthwith to warn or notify the Freeholders



Jan<sup>r</sup>  
Warrant  
1789

and other Inhabitants of said Town of Dudley duly quallified to Vote for a Representative To the General Court of this Commonwealth to meet at our Meeting house in Dudley on Thursday the Twenty-ninth of January Current at one o Clock In the after-noon then and there to act upon the following article (Viz) To vote for a representative to represent the District of Worcester In the Congress of the united States of America

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrent with your doings Unto the Select Men on or before Said day

Dated at Dudley aforesaid This Twenty Second day of January Anno dominni 1789

by order of the Selectmen

John Chamberlain Town Clerk

Worcester SS January 29<sup>th</sup> 1789 By virtue of the within Precept I have warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley quallified to Vote for a representative to meet at time and place by setting up a True copy of this warrent at the Usual place

Timothy Corbin Constable of Dudley

At a Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of dudley duly quallified to Vote for a representative Regularly assembled on Thursday the Twenty-ninth Day of January AD 1789

Voted for a Representative as Follows (Viz)

For the Hon. Timothy Pain Esq<sup>r</sup> 24 Votes

For Ditto Jonathan Grout Esq<sup>r</sup> 24 Ditt o

Worcester SS. To the Constable of the Town of Dudley in Said County of worcester Greeting

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required Forthwith to warn or Notify the Freeholders





March  
Warrant  
1789

and other Inhabitants of said Town of Dudley qualified to Vote in Town affairs to Meet at our Meeting House in Dudley on Monday the Second day of March Next at Nine O Clock In the Fore-noon then and there to act upon the Following articles (Viz)

First To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly To chuse Town officers for the year Insuing as the Law Directs

3<sup>rd</sup>ly To see if the Town will Let their Swine run at Large as usual the year insuing

4<sup>th</sup>ly To Grant Money for our Highways and Bridges this year Insuing and agree how the same shall be expended.

5<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will agree to hire a Collector or Collectors of Taxes for the Year Insuing he or they procuring good Bondsmen

6<sup>th</sup>ly For the Town to hear and act as they see fitt upon the Report of the Committee chosen in october Last to treat with Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Gleason about arrearages Due to him and if said report is accepted to grant Money for said arrearages

7<sup>th</sup>ly To hear the report of the Committee chosen in December Last to Consider The ill convenancies of some School wards or rather to View at Large what is Most advisable about a School house being built in the Middle of the Town And act thereon as the Town thinks best

8<sup>th</sup>ly For the Town to accept of the road laid out by the Select Men for L<sup>t</sup> James Hill from his house to the Road by M<sup>r</sup> Brown

9<sup>ly</sup> For the Town to Chuse a person to take Care of our Meeting House

Hereof fail not and Make due return of this Warrent with your Doings thereon unto the Select men on or before said Day

Dated at Dudley aforesaid this T'welth day of Feb<sup>r</sup> Anno Dómini 1789

By order of the Select Men

John Chamberlain Town Clerk

Worcester SS. March 2 1789 In obedience to the with-

in Warrent I have warned the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley quallified to Vote in Town Affairs to meet at Time and place within Mentioned by setting up a True Coppy of this Warrant at the usual place in Dudley

Timothy Corbin      Constable of Dudley

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At a meeting of The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley duly quallified to Vote in Town affairs Regularly Assembled at our Meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Town on Monday the Second Day of March 1789

First Voted Col<sup>o</sup> Jon<sup>t</sup> Day Moderator for Said Meeting.

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted Ens. John Chamberlain Town Clerk.

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted to have Five Select Men this year.

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Col<sup>o</sup> Jon<sup>t</sup> Day First Select Man.

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted L<sup>t</sup> John Warren Second Select Man.

6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Jacob Chamberlain Third Ditto.

7<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Ens. Will<sup>m</sup> Larned Fourth Ditto.

8<sup>t</sup> ly Voted M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Lee Fifth Ditto.

These Persons have Taken the oaths Requir'd by Law

9<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to have Five assessors this year and they to serve without pay

10<sup>th</sup>ly Voted L<sup>t</sup> Ezekiel Brown First assessor.

11<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Ens<sup>n</sup> John Chamberlain second Ditto.

12<sup>th</sup>ly Voted M<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Foster Third Ditto.

13<sup>th</sup>ly Voted M<sup>r</sup> John Bracket Fourth Ditto.

14<sup>th</sup>ly Voted L<sup>t</sup> Stephen Coman Fifth Ditto.

15<sup>th</sup>ly Voted M<sup>r</sup> Simeon Wood Town Treasurer.

These persons have Taken the oaths Requir'd by Law

16<sup>th</sup> Voted to Hire two Collectors this year they giving Bonds with Two Good Bondsmen to save the Town harmless from their neglect or failing to Collect and pay in their Taxes as the Law directs

17<sup>th</sup>ly Voted the Collectors to be Constables if they Chuse it Timothy Corbin bid it off at Three pence half penny on the Pound For the East End of Dudley

18<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to allow the West End Constable and Collector to have half a penny More in the pound than the East End

19<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to accept Doc<sup>t</sup> John E. Eaton & Timothy Foster J<sup>r</sup> as Bondsmen for said Timothy Corbin Collector & Constable John Holy Morris Bid off the Collectors Birth for the West End of the Town at Four pence on the pound

20<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Ephraim Corbin and Moses Healy Wardians

21<sup>st</sup> Voted Stephen Healy and Will<sup>m</sup> Foster Tithingmen

22<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted Maj<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Healy Sealer of Weights and Measures.

23<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted John Healy sealer of Leather

24<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Josiah Hovey Culler of Lumber

25<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Daniel Arnold, L<sup>t</sup> Moses Jewell Fence Viewers

26ly Voted John Vinton, L<sup>t</sup> Jo. Keith, Ens.<sup>n</sup> Nathan Jeffords, Nath<sup>l</sup> Healy Jr. Lem<sup>n</sup> Foster, Benj<sup>a</sup> Morris Jr. and Thomas Cheany Highway Surveyors and also Collectors of said Taxes

27<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to Let our swine run at Large this year

28<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Charles Brown, James Bates, Benj<sup>a</sup> Jewell & Daniel Mercy Hog Reaves

29<sup>th</sup> Voted 60£ for our Highways and Bridges this year

30<sup>th</sup> Voted that the same shall be worked out at 3 | 0 per Day on or befor the first day of Oct<sup>r</sup> Next if not to work s<sup>d</sup> at 1 | 6 per day after that In october and only in that Months

31<sup>st</sup> Voted Not to accept the Report of the Committee Chosen to Settle with Rev M<sup>r</sup> Gleason about arrearages due to him

32<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted to put over the report of the Committee Chosen to Viewe at Large the Circumstances of the School Wards till April Meeting Next

33<sup>rd</sup> Voted to accepted the Road laid out by the Selectmen from L<sup>t</sup> Hills out to the road by M<sup>r</sup> Browns

34<sup>thly</sup> Voted Bennoni Adams to Take Care of our Meeting House this year

35<sup>thly</sup> Voted to advise Constable Corbin Time to wait on Elijah Humphrey Untill April Meeting for a Holbrook Rate and to put a Clause in the Warrent for abaiting said Rate

36<sup>th</sup> Voted to put over the Matter of Hollaway Morris being Coll<sup>r</sup> till April

37<sup>th</sup> Voted to adjourn this Meeting Untill the first Monday in April

April 6<sup>th</sup> Meet agreeable to adjournment

1<sup>st</sup> Voted to Release Timothy Corbin as Serving Constable & Collector for the East End of the Town

2<sup>ndly</sup> Voted Lemuel Foster East End Constable and Collector he bidding The same off at Five pence on the Pound

3<sup>rdly</sup> Voted and accepted Lt Timothy Foster jr & Ens Will<sup>m</sup> Larned Bondsmen for Said Foster

4<sup>thly</sup> Voted Will<sup>m</sup> Smith West End Constable & Collector He bidding it off at Seven pence half Penny on the Pound

5<sup>thly</sup> Voted and accepted Capt<sup>t</sup> John Eddy & And Thomas Morris as Bondsmen for Said Will<sup>m</sup> Smith

6<sup>thly</sup> Voted to Refer acting upon the report of the Committee Chosen to View the School wards untill May Meeting

7<sup>thly</sup> Voted to allow Timothy Corbin the Benifit of the Towns fine For not sending a representative in 1786 he paying to L<sup>t</sup> John Warren what it Cost him to pay Said fine in hard Money

8<sup>thly</sup> Voted to abate Twenty Two Shillings in favour of Elijah Humphreys in Cons. Tim<sup>y</sup> Corbins hands for 1784

The Last Vote was pased in april Meeting although recorded under March Meeting the adjourned March meeting and April Being all in one Day caused this Vote to Stand as it Does

Mr. Gleason Demand The Subscriber Demand of the People of this Town The Eighty Seven Pounds arrearages Granted me by the Town at their Town Meeting in May 1785: and the Interest of it from that time to this Day

Charles Gleason

Dudley April 6<sup>th</sup> 1789

March Meeting Desolved & all officers Sworn Except James Bates

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Worcester SS. To the Constabl of the Town of Dudley in Said County Greetg



Warrant

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are Requird to warn or notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town of Dudley Duly quallified to Vote for a Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth To meet at our Meeting house in Dudley on Monday the Second Day of march next at Three oClock in the afternoon then and there to Vote for a person to represent the district of Worcester In the Congress of the united States of america

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrent with Your doings thereon unto the Select on or before Said Day

Dated at Dudley aforesaid this Eighteenth day of February Anno Dominni 1789

By order of the Select Men

John Chamberlain T. Clerk

Worcester SS. March 2<sup>d</sup> 1789 In obedience to the within Warrent I have warned the Freeholders And other inhabitants of the Town of Dudley to meet at time And place within Mentioned by setting up a True Coppy of this warrent at the usual place in Dudley

Timothy Corbin Constable of Dudley

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At a Meeting of the Freeholder and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley quallified to Vote for a representative Regularly assembled at our Meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Town on Monday The Second day of March anno dominni 1789

Voted for a representative to represent Worcester District as follws (Viz)

For the Hon. Timothy Paine Esq <sup>r</sup>	33 Votes
For the Hon. Jonathan Grout Esq <sup>r</sup>	56 Ditto

Report  
of the  
Committee  
To Settle  
With Rv  
Mr. Gleason

We the Subscribers being Chosen a Committee To treat with Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Gleason about the arreages of his Sallery have waited upon him And Report as Follows (Viz) That M<sup>r</sup> Gleason says in March 1781 There was due to him by the depreciation scale 137£ 15 / in May 1785 He abated 50£ 15 Besides the Interest of the 137£ for four Years which would have been 30£ odd and then the Town Voted to Grant and raise 87£ to make the arreages of his Sallery and Wood Rate up to March 1781 and if he abates the Interest of that 87£ for one year the Interest from May 1786 to this Day added to the Principle will amount to 100£ which Sum he will accept in full of his arreages to said march 1781 if Paid directly or if the Town Chuses To give him a bond for that sum to run a Number of years he will accept it. he hopes the Town will not forget that in the year 1779 he gave up a Quarter Part of his Sallery and that he Sunk a Number of pounds by his wood rates being made in the old Nominal Sum in paper Times And he wishes the people to Consider that his Salery is low. and but A small part is paid Seasonably

Jonathan Day	} Committee
Jonathan Bacon	
John Chamberlain	



April  
Warrant

Worcester SS. To the Constables of the Town of Dudley in the County of Worcester Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby requir'd forthwith to warn or Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley quallified to Vote agreeable to the Constitution for Governor &c to meet at our meeting house in Dudley on Monday The Sixth day of April next at one oClock in the afternoon Then and there to act upon the following articles (Viz)

- First To vote for a Governour
- 2<sup>nd</sup>ly To vote for a Lieut. Governour
- 3<sup>rd</sup>ly To vote for Counsellors & Senators Agreeable to Law



4<sup>th</sup>ly To Chuse a moderator for the remainder of Said Meeting

5<sup>th</sup>ly To vote for a County Treasurer for the County of Worcester

6<sup>th</sup>ly To see if the Town will abate John Fenners Jr Rates and Joseph Balcoms in Constable Stephen Healy's hands to Collect And Elijah Humphreys rates in Con. Tim. Corbins hands or Rather one particular rate in his hands also Joseph Winters Rates that are not Collected in Constable Chamberlains hands

Hereof fail not and make Due return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before Said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid this Twenty First Day of March AD 1789

By order of the Selectmen

John Chamberlain Town Clerk

Worcester SS April 6<sup>th</sup> 1789 In obedience to the within precepts I have warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley quallified to vote according to the Constitution for a Governour To meet at time and place within mentioned by Setting up this Warrant at the usual place in Dudley

Timothy Corbin Constable

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At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Duly quallified to Vote for a Governour &c Regularly assembled at our meeting house in Dudley on Monday The Sixth Day of April AD 1789

First Voted for Governour as Follows (Viz)

For His Excellency John Hancock Esq<sup>r</sup> 70 Votes

2<sup>nd</sup>ly For Lieu<sup>t</sup> Governour as Follows viz

For the Hon. Samuel Adams Esq<sup>r</sup> 38 Ditto

For his Honour Benj<sup>n</sup> Lincoln Esq<sup>r</sup> 19 Ditto

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted for Counsellors and Senators as follows Viz,

For the Hon. Amos Singletary Esq <sup>r</sup>	36 Votes
John Fesenden Ditto	47 Ditto
Peter Penimon Ditto	36 Ditto
Martin Kinsley Ditto	37 Ditto
David Bigalow Ditto	36 Ditto
Moses Gill Ditto	19 Ditto
Samuel Baker Ditto	18 Ditto
Abel Wilder Ditto	19 Ditto
Andrew Peters Ditto	10 Ditto
Bezaleal Taft Ditto	7 Ditto
Timothy Pain Ditto	7 Ditto
Seth Washbourn Ditto	2 Ditto

4<sup>thly</sup> Voted Colo. Jon<sup>t</sup> Day Moderator for the remainder of S<sup>d</sup> Meeting

5<sup>thly</sup> Voted to put over the remainder of April Meeting until May meeting

May 5<sup>th</sup> 1789 Meet agreeable to adjournment

1<sup>st</sup> Voted for a County Treasurer as follows

For M<sup>r</sup> Nathan Perry 27 Votes For Jos Allen 11  
Votes For Tim<sup>v</sup> Paine Esq<sup>r</sup> 3 Votes

2<sup>ndly</sup> Voted Not to abate John Fenners J<sup>r</sup> & Joseph Balcoms rates In Constable Stephen Healys Hands

3<sup>rdly</sup> Voted Not to abate Joseph Winters Rates in Cons<sup>e</sup> John Chamberlains hands

#### Road

A Road laid out by the Select Men of Dudley on the Twenty Seventh Day of February 1789 From L<sup>t</sup> James Hill's out to the road by M<sup>r</sup> Andrew Browns Bounded as follows from S<sup>d</sup> Hills as the road is now Trod an open road to Whitfords Land thence Westardly on Whitfords Land untill it comes to Will<sup>m</sup> Browns Line thence by Browns Line on Whitfords Land to a Popple Tree Thence to Whitfords

House a bridle Road from thence An open road by the river  
untill it comes to The road by Mr Browns aforesaid

Jon <sup>t</sup> Day	}	Select Men
Wm. Larned Jr		of
Isaac Lee		Dudley

The above Mentioned Road was Laid before the Town at  
the annual Meeting in March 1789 and was accepted

Worcester SS To the Constables of the Town of Dud-  
ley in Said County or Either of them Greeting

May  
Meeting  
Warrant

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts you or  
Either of you are hereby required forthwith to warn or Notify  
The freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town Quallified  
(Agreeable to the Constitution) to vote for a Representa-  
tive to meet at our Meeting house in Dudley on Tuesday the  
Fifth Day of May Next at One O Clock in the afternoon  
Then and there to Act upon the following articles Viz



First To Elect a person to represent us at the General  
Court appointed to be holden at the State House in Boston on  
the last Wednesday of May next and from Session to Session  
wherever The Said Court Shall Sit for the year Ensuing

2<sup>nd</sup>ly To chuse a Moderator for the remainder of s<sup>d</sup> Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly To see if the Town will Satisfy the Demand that was  
made In April meeting past by the Rev. Charles Gleason or  
act Thereon as the Town thinks best

4<sup>th</sup>ly To See if the Town will abate some Ministerial  
Taxes in L<sup>t</sup> John Curtis's hands to Collect

Hereof fail not and Make due return of this Warrant with  
Your doings thereon unto the Select Men on or before S<sup>d</sup> Day  
Dated at Dudley aforesaid this Twentyeth Day of April In  
the year of our Lord 1789

By order of the Select Men

John Chamberlain Town Clerk

Worcester SS By Virtue of the within warrant I have  
warned or notified The freeholders and other Inhabitants of

the Town of Dudley Quallified agreeable to the Constitution to Vote for a representative to meet at time and place as the Law Directs by Sitting up a True Coppy of this warrant at the usual place

p<sup>r</sup> me      Lem<sup>l</sup> Foster      Constable of Dudley

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At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Duly quallified agreeable to the Constitution to Vote for a Representative regularly assembled At our Meeting house on Tuesday the Fifth day of May AD 1789

First Voted to Send a representative to the General Court  
 2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted Col<sup>o</sup> Jonathan Day Said Representative  
 3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted L<sup>t</sup> John Warren Moderator for the remainder of s<sup>d</sup> Meeting

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to Pass over the 3<sup>rd</sup> article in the warrant

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate the following Taxes in L<sup>t</sup> Curtis's hands Meaning Ministerial taxes (Viz) Joseph Philips 16 / 1  
 W<sup>d</sup> Walcotts 3 / 8¼ Zach<sup>h</sup> Newton 3 / 1½ M<sup>r</sup> Dunton  
 2 / 4¾ Stephen Edmunds 3 / 4¾

Meeting Desolved

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Sep  
Warrant



Worcester SS To either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in said county of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you or Either of you are by required forthwith to warn or Notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town of Dudley quallified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at our Meeting House in s<sup>d</sup> Town on Thursday The seventeenth day of Sep<sup>t</sup> Instant at One OClock in the afternoon Then and There to act upon the following articles (Viz)

First To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting  
 2<sup>nd</sup>ly To grant Money for schooling the present year if they see fitt  
 3<sup>rd</sup>ly To Chuse school Committees for the present year

4<sup>thly</sup> To grant money to Defray the Necessary Charges of  
s<sup>d</sup> Town of Dudley The present Year if Needed

5<sup>thly</sup> For the Town to regulate the Juror Boxes as is  
pointed in the Law

6<sup>thly</sup> For the Town to give the assessors some advice  
about assessing the Ministerial Taxes

7<sup>thly</sup> To abate Taxes in any Constables hands that makes  
application for Abatements if the Town thinks best

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with  
your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before s<sup>d</sup> Day

Dated at Dudley aforesaid this Third day of September  
Anno domini one Thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty Nine

By order of the Selectmen

John Chamberlain Town Clerk

Worcester SS Sep<sup>t</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1789 By Virtue of the  
within Warrent I have warned or Notified The freeholders  
and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Quallified to  
vote in Town Town affairs to meet at time and place As the  
Law Directs by setting up this warrent at the usual place in  
Dudley

Pr me Lem<sup>t</sup> Foster Constable of Dudley

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At a Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of  
the Town of Dudley qualified to vote in Town affairs regu-  
larly assembled At our Meeting House in S<sup>d</sup> Town on Thurs-  
day the Seventeenth Day of Sep<sup>t</sup> 1789

First Voted L<sup>t</sup> John Warren Moderator for Said Meet-  
ing

2<sup>ndly</sup> Voted to raise 60 £ for Schooling The present  
Year

3<sup>rdly</sup> Voted and Chose John Vinton, Royal Sailes,  
Jon<sup>t</sup> Bacon, James Brown, Will<sup>m</sup> Smith, L<sup>t</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Larned,  
Stephen Healy School Committees the present year

4<sup>thly</sup> Voted to raise £150 Specially to pay a note of hand  
that Esq<sup>r</sup> Marcy holds against the Town

5<sup>thly</sup> Voted for the Town Treasury to C<sup>r</sup> Cons. Benj<sup>a</sup> Edmunds for Goodel's Taxes amounting to £0..19..11..2

6<sup>thly</sup> Voted Ditto for Daniel Hood £0..2..8.3

7<sup>thly</sup> Voted to C<sup>r</sup> Constable J. Chamberlain for J. Winters rates

8<sup>thly</sup> Voted to abate Ezekiel Browns Minister rate £2..17..0  
1.. 1..8

Warrant  
March 1<sup>st</sup>  
1790



Worcester SS. To either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in said County Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you or Either of you are hereby requir'd to warn or notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants Of said Town of Dudley (quallified to Vote in Town affairs) to meet At our Meeting house in Said Town on Monday the first day of March Next at Nine OClock A. M. then and there to act upon the following articles (Viz)

First To Chuse a Moderator for Said Meeting.

2<sup>ndly</sup> To Chuse Town officers for the Year Ensueing as the Law Directes

3<sup>rdly</sup> To see if the Town will agree to hire a Collector or Collectors of Taxes for the year ensuing he or they procuring good Bondsmen

4<sup>thly</sup> To see if the Town will let their Swine run at Large as usual the year Ensueing

5<sup>thly</sup> To grant Money for our Highways, and Bridges

6<sup>thly</sup> To abate such Taxes as the Town see's fitt that the Constables Exhibit on s<sup>d</sup> Day

7<sup>thly</sup> To see if the Town will sattisfy the Demand of M<sup>r</sup> Elisha Corbin, for his Service in Looking up some Land Called Dudley's Land a Number Of years ago

8<sup>thly</sup> To see if the Town will rattify the agreement of the School Ward For dividing Said ward and making Two by M<sup>r</sup> Gore's

9<sup>thly</sup> To see if the Town will allow M<sup>r</sup> Ezbon Carter's



account for keeping Mr Roger Carter from the Sixth day of April Last past to the time He agreed to keep him with the Selectmen

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your Doing Thereon unto the Selectmen on or before Said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid This Eleventh Day of Feb: AD 1790

By order of the Select Men

John Chamberlain Town Clerk

Worcester SS. March 1<sup>st</sup> 1790 In obedience to the within warrent I have warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley to Meet at time and place within Mentioned by Setting up this warrant at the usual place in Dudley

Return

p<sup>r</sup> me Will<sup>m</sup> Smith Constable

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley (duly quallified to Vote in Town affairs) regularly Assembled at our Meeting house in Said Town on Monday the first Day of March AD 1790.

- First Voted L<sup>t</sup> John Warren Moderator for said Meeting
- 2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted L<sup>t</sup> John Chamberlain Town Clerk
- 3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to have 5 Select Men this Year
- 4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted L<sup>t</sup> John Warren First Select Man
- 5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted L<sup>t</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Larned Second Ditto
- 6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> John Eddy Third D<sup>o</sup>
- 7<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Mr Isaac Lee fourth D<sup>o</sup>
- 8<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Enss: Thomas Larned fifth D<sup>o</sup>
- 9<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to have 5 Assessors this Year
- 10<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Col<sup>o</sup> Jonathan Day First Assessor
- 11<sup>th</sup>ly Voted L<sup>t</sup> Ezekiel Brown Second D<sup>o</sup>
- 12<sup>th</sup>ly Voted L<sup>t</sup> John Chamberlain Third Do.
- 13<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Mr John Bracket fourth Do.
- 14<sup>th</sup>ly Voted John Fenner Esq<sup>r</sup> fifth Do.
- 15<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Mr Simeon Wood Town Treasurer

These persons are quallified agreeable to Law

16<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to hire 2 Collectors this Year thay procuring good Bondsmen To Save the Town harmless from their neglecting or failing to Collect And pay in the Taxes according to Law

17<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Col<sup>o</sup> Jonathan Day East End Collector & Constable at 5<sup>p</sup> per pound for Collecting.

18<sup>th</sup>ly Voted John Holl<sup>r</sup> Morriss West End Collector & Constable at 5 1/2<sup>p</sup> per pound for Col

19<sup>th</sup>ly Voted L<sup>t</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> & Enss Thomas Larned Bondsmen for Said Col<sup>o</sup> Day

20<sup>th</sup> Voted Nath<sup>l</sup> Healy & Josiah Hovey Tithing Men

21<sup>th</sup> Voted Maj<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Healy Sealer of Weights & Measures

22<sup>nd</sup> Voted John Healey Sealer of Leather

23<sup>rd</sup> Voted Josiah Hovey Culler of Lumber

24<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Enss Nathan Jeffords & Luther Chamberlain Fence Viewers

25<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Israel Bates, Joseph Allen, John Eddy, Timothy Corbin, John Albee, Jeremiah Haskell, & Joseph Vinton J<sup>r</sup> Highway Surveyors & Collectors of the Same

26<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to let our Swine run at large the year Ensuing

27<sup>th</sup> Voted Moses Healy, Rufus Conant, Mark Dodge Jr & Simeon Wakefield Hog Reaves

28<sup>th</sup>ly Voted 60<sup>£</sup> for the Cost of our Highways and Bridges this year

29<sup>th</sup>ly Voted that the Same shall be worked out at 3 / 0 per Day by the first of Oct<sup>r</sup> Next

30<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to adjourn this Meeting until Tuesday the Ninth Day of March Instant at 10 OClock A. M. and it was adjourned accordingly

Meet agreeable to adjournment

First Voted to adjourn this Meeting to M<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>a</sup> Edmunds

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted to put by the matter of Co<sup>l</sup> Day's Serving as a Constabl & an assessor a little Time

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted that the Treasurer should C<sup>r</sup> Eph<sup>m</sup> Corbin for

Nath<sup>l</sup> Smith's Rates amounting to £0 11 6 2

4<sup>thly</sup> Voted to C<sup>r</sup> Timo<sup>r</sup> Corbin for Nath<sup>l</sup> Smith Rates  
£1 11 5½

5<sup>thly</sup> Voted to put by abating rates in Con<sup>le</sup> Putneys hands  
at present

6<sup>thly</sup> Voted to allow primas King's account for keeping  
Francis Liberty 2 Weeks amount £1 16

7<sup>thly</sup> Voted not to allow M<sup>r</sup> Elisha Corbins acc<sup>t</sup> for Looking  
up some Dudley's Land

8<sup>thly</sup> Voted to Ratify the agreement of the School Ward  
by M<sup>r</sup> Gore's as Follows (Viz) The Devison to be all  
west of M<sup>r</sup> E Gores Taking him in to belong to the West Dis-  
trict and all East of S<sup>d</sup> Gores (meaning all that did belong to  
S<sup>d</sup> Old Ward) to be the East District and the Money to be  
Equally Divided Meaning one half the money to be keep in  
the East & the other Half in the West District and but one of  
these Schools to Be keep at one and the Same Time

Division of  
the School  
Ward by  
Mr Gores

9<sup>thly</sup> Voted to allow M<sup>r</sup> Ezbon Carters acc<sup>t</sup> for keeping  
Roger Carter

10<sup>thly</sup> Voted Doc<sup>r</sup> James Wallcot West End Constable &  
Collector at 1/4<sup>n</sup> on the Pound for Collecting in the Room of  
John H. Morriss

11<sup>thly</sup> Voted L<sup>t</sup> Ezekiel Brown & Cap<sup>t</sup> John Eddy Bonds-  
men For S<sup>d</sup> Walcot

12<sup>th</sup> Voted not to allow Co<sup>lo</sup> Day to Serve as Constable  
and assessor

13<sup>th</sup> Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the Meeting House

14<sup>th</sup> Voted to put by Chusing an assessor in the Room of  
Co<sup>d</sup> Day Until April Meeting

15<sup>th</sup> Voted to adjourn this Meeting untill the First Monday  
In April at 11 OClock A. M. and it was adjourn'd accord-  
ingly

April 5 Meet agreeable to adjournment

1<sup>st</sup> Voted L<sup>t</sup> Joseph Keith & M<sup>r</sup> Richard Flynn Wardeans

2<sup>ndly</sup> Voted to abate M<sup>r</sup> Lot Marses Ministerial Rates for 2  
years past

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to abate Ens<sup>n</sup> Eleazar Jacksons rates in L<sup>t</sup> J. Keiths hands 8 / 9

Worcester SS. To either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in Said County Greeting

Warrant



In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You or Either of you are hereby Directed forthwith to Warn or notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town of Dudley (Duly Quallified to Vote in Town affairs) To meet at our Meeting House in Said Dudley on Tuesday the Ninth Day of March Next at one OClock P. M. then and There to act upon the following Articles Viz

First To Choose a Moderator for Said Meeting

Gleason

2<sup>dly</sup> For the Town to Choose an Agent or agents to Defend Said Town In an action of Debt that the Rev. Charles Gleason has lately Brought against S<sup>d</sup> Town or act thereon as the Town Shall think Most to their advantage

Hereof fail not and make Due return of this Warrant with Your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or befor S<sup>d</sup> Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid this Twenty Sixth Day of Feb<sup>y</sup> A D 1790

John Warren	}	Selectmen
W <sup>m</sup> Larned Jr.		of
Isaac Lee		Dudley

Worcester SS. March 9th 1790

In obedience to this Warrant I have warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Duly Quallified to vote in Town affairs to Meet at our Meeting IHouse in Dudley as the Law Directs

Will<sup>m</sup> Smith Constable of Dudley

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of The Town of Dudley (Duly quallified to Vote in Town

affairs) Regularly assembled at the Meeting House in Dudly  
On Tuesday the Ninth Day of March A D 1790

First Voted L<sup>r</sup> John Warren Moderator of Said Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted to Choose one agent to Defend S<sup>d</sup> Town  
against Rv. C. Gleason

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted and Choose Edward Davis Esq<sup>r</sup> Agent for the  
Town of Dudly to Defend S<sup>d</sup> Town in an action of Debt, that  
the Rev. Charles Gleason has brought against Said Dudly  
The above Meeting Dissolved

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Worcester SS. To Either of the Constables of The  
Town of Dudley in Said County Greeting

In the name of the Common-wealth of Massachusetts You  
or Either of you are hereby directed in the Name of the  
Common Wealth Forthwith to warn or notify the Freeholders  
and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley (Duly Qualified  
to Vote for a Governour agreeable to the Constitution to Meet  
at our Meeting House in Sd Town on Monday the Fifth Day  
of April Next at One OClock P. M. then and There to  
Act upon the following articles (Viz

First To Vote for a Governour

2<sup>nd</sup>ly To Vote for a L<sup>t</sup> Governour

3<sup>rd</sup>ly To Vote for Counsellors & Senators agreeable to  
Law

4<sup>th</sup>ly to Choose a Moderator for the remainder of Sd  
Meeting

5<sup>th</sup>ly To Vote for a County Treasurer for the County of  
Worcester

6<sup>th</sup>ly To Grant Money for Schooling for the present Year  
if the Town Sees fitt

7<sup>th</sup>ly To Chuse School Committees for the year Ensuing  
Year.

8<sup>th</sup>ly To abate Such Taxes as the Constables Exhibit on  
s<sup>d</sup> Day if the Town thinks it Expedient

9<sup>th</sup>ly To Grant Money for Necessary Charges of S<sup>d</sup> Town  
if Needed

April  
Meeting  
1790



10<sup>thly</sup> To the See if the Town will acquiesce in the Select Men's Drawing All orders on The Town Treasurer in Lieu of Drawing them on The Constables

11<sup>thly</sup> To see if the Town will agree in the assessors Making but one Distinct Colum of all Town Taxes (except Ministerial Taxes) as the assessors think It will be an Easment

Hereof fail not and Make Due return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before S<sup>d</sup> Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid this Nineteenth Day of March Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred & Ninety

John Warren	} Selectmen of Dudley
W <sup>m</sup> Larned	
John Eddy	
Isaac Lee	
Thomas Larned	

Worcester SS April 5th, 1790

In obedience to the within Warrent I have warned the Freeholders And other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley (duly qualified To Vote for a Governour &c. to meet at time and place within mentioned by setting up an attested Copy of this Warrant at the Usual place in Dudley

Pr me Jonathan Day Constable

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants And other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley regularly Assembled at the Meeting House in Dudley on Monday The Fifth Day of April 1790

First Voted For a Governour as follows (viz)

For his Excellency John Hancock Esq 62 votes

2 For L<sup>t</sup> Governour as follows viz

For His Honour Sam<sup>l</sup> Adams Esq<sup>r</sup> 52 D<sup>o</sup>

3<sup>rdly</sup> Voted for Councillors & Senators as follows Viz

For the Hon<sup>le</sup> Moses Gill 49 Votes

John Fesenden 35 D

Amos Singletary 34 D<sup>o</sup>



M <sup>r</sup> David Bigelow	34 D <sup>o</sup>
Capt <sup>t</sup> Jeremiah Larned	43 D <sup>o</sup>
Abel Wilder	14 D <sup>o</sup>
Timothy Paine	14 D <sup>o</sup>
Seth Washburn	6 D <sup>o</sup>
M <sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Davis	15 D <sup>o</sup>
& Caleb Ammidown Esq <sup>r</sup>	1

4<sup>thly</sup> Voted Col<sup>o</sup> Jonathan Day Moderator for the remainder of s<sup>d</sup> Meeting

5<sup>thly</sup> Voted for a County Treasurer as Follows (Viz)

For Sam<sup>l</sup> Allen Esq<sup>r</sup> 22 Votes

For Nathan Perry Esq<sup>r</sup> 24 D<sup>o</sup>

6ly Voted to raise 60£ for schooling the year Ensuing

7ly Voted Timothy Corbin, John Albee, Isaac Lee, Jon<sup>t</sup> Day, Josiah Barnes, Tim. Foster J<sup>r</sup> & Gideon Sabin School Committees

8<sup>thly</sup> Voted to C<sup>r</sup> Eleazar Putney for Ezra Holbrook rates 10 / 6 Ditto Pearly Phillips 16 / 0¾

9<sup>thly</sup> Voted to abate Ep<sup>m</sup> Willards Ministerial rates in J. Chamberlain's hands

10<sup>th</sup> Voted to abate D<sup>r</sup> James Walcot Minister rates in Sam<sup>l</sup> Healy's hands

11<sup>th</sup> Voted to C<sup>r</sup> Capt Sam Healy for Ebenezer Bacons Rats

12<sup>th</sup> Voted to raise 40 pound for Necessary Charges the Current year

13<sup>ly</sup> Voted Not to acquiece in the Selectmen's drawing orders on the Town Treasury

14<sup>ly</sup> Voted to pass by the 11<sup>th</sup> Article in the Warrant  
Disolvd the Meeting

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Worcester SS. To either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in Said County Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You or either of you are hereby requir'd forthwith to warn or notify the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Dud-

May  
Warrant



ley qualified (Agreeable to the Constitution) to vote for a Representative to meet at our Meeting house in Dudley on Tuesday the Fourth Day of May Next at One OClock P. M. then and There to act upon the following articles Viz

First To Elect a person to Represent us at the General Court appointed to be Holden at the State House in Boston on the last Wednesday in May & From Session to Session (whereever the Said Court shall sit) for the year Ensuing

2<sup>nd</sup>ly To Chuse a Moderator for the Remainder of Said Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly To see what the Town will Do about the Land that Mr Elisha Corbin Pretends to Claim that the Town Sold some time past to Mr. Thomas Morris

4<sup>th</sup>ly To abate Taxes that will Exhibeted on Said Day

5<sup>th</sup>ly To see if the Town will mend the Meeting House Windows

6<sup>th</sup>ly To see if the Town will Give a Bounty for Killing Crows

7<sup>th</sup>ly To see if the Town will allow Mr<sup>r</sup> Ezbon Carter's act for keeping Roger Carter Fourteen Weeks when Sick

Hereof fail not and make Due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before S<sup>d</sup> Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid this Nineteenth Day of April Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred & Ninety

John Warren	} Selectmen of Dudley
John Eddy	
Isaac Lee	
Thomas Larned	

Dudley May 4<sup>th</sup> 1790

In obedience to the within Warrant I have warned the Freeholders And other Inhabitants quallified to vote for a Representative to meet At time & place within Mentioned by Seting up a Truc Copy of this warrant at our Meeting House  
in Dudley

P<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Day Constable of Dudley

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At a Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the

Town of Dudley Duly qualified to vote for a Representative Regularly at the meeting house in S<sup>d</sup> Town on Tuesday the fourth Day of May A D 1790

First Voted L<sup>t</sup> John Warren to Representative us this Year

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Cheney Moderator for the Remainder of Said Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted not to act upon the Third article in the Warrant

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate John Fenners J<sup>r</sup> Rates in Cont. Stephen Healys hands £ 1 : 15 : 8½

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted not to mend the Meeting House Windows

6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to give as bounty for Killing Crows Eight pence p<sup>r</sup> Body meaning the Bodys to be brought to the Town Clerks. And none to be allowed a bounty upon only what is killed in the Town and the pay to be made as other Necessary Charges are Defrayed

7<sup>th</sup> Voted to allow M<sup>r</sup> Ezbon Carters account for keeping Roger Carter

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Pursuant to a Law of this Common-wealth we the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Dudley & Sturbridge met agreeable To appointment to preambulate & Renew the bounds between Said Towns begining at the Monument at the South West Corner of Dudley thence Northardly on S<sup>d</sup> line to a White Oak tree Thence Westardly on Said line to a heap of Stones thence Northardly on Said line to the Monument at the Northwest Corner Of Dudley

John Eddy } Selectmen of  
Isaac Lee } Dudley  
Jedediah Marcy } Selectmen of  
Simeon Allen } Sturbridge

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Worcester SS. To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in Said County Greeting

## Warrant



In the Name of the Common-wealth of Massachusetts you or either of you are hereby required Forthwith to warn or Notify The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town of Dudley (quallified to Vote in Town affairs to Meet at the Meeting-house in Said Town on Wednesday the Twenty Third Day of June at twelve OClock at Noon then and there to act upon the following articles (Viz)

First To Choose a Moderator for Said Meeting

2<sup>ndly</sup> For the Town to Vote (if they see fitt) that the Publick Teachers or Teachers of the Gospel Shall be Supported by Free Donation in Said Town for the Time to Come

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant With Your doings thereon unto the Select-men on or before Said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid this Seventh Day of June AD 1790.

John Eddy	}	Selectmen
Isaac Lee		
Tho <sup>a</sup> Larned		

Dudley June 23<sup>d</sup> 1790 Inobedience to the within Warrant I have warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at Time and Place within Mentioned By Sitting up this warrant at the Usual place in Dudly

Jon<sup>t</sup> Day Constable

At a Meeting of the freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly asembled at the Meeting in Said Town on Wednesday the 23d of June 1790.

1<sup>st</sup> Voted and Chose Co<sup>l</sup> Jon<sup>t</sup> Day Moderator for s<sup>d</sup> Meeting

2<sup>ndly</sup> Voted not to Support the Publick Teachers of the Gospel by Free Donation 53 against Donation and 43 in Favor of it.

Dissolved

Worcester SS. To either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in Sd County Greeting

Warrant

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you or either of you are hereby Directed forthwith to warn or Notify the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the Meeting-house in s<sup>d</sup> Town on Wednesday the Twenty Third Day of this Instant June at one OClock P. M. then and there to act upon the following articles (viz)



First To Choose a Moderator for Said Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly For the Town to grant money to pay for preaching in the Said Town if they think it best and agree thereon as they Shall See fitt

3<sup>rd</sup>ly If the Town Grantes money to pay for Preaching as aforesaid To chuse a Committee to provide preaching in Said Town

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with Your doings unto the Select-men on or before Said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid this fifth day of June AD 1790

John Eddy	}	Selectmen
Isaac Lee		
Thomas Larned		

Dudley June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1790 In obedience to the within Warrant I have warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley qualified To vote in Town affairs to meet at time and place within Mentioned by Setting up this Warrant at the usual place in Dudly

Jonathan Day Constable

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley regularly assembled at the Meeting house in S<sup>d</sup> Town on Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of June 1790

First Voted Co<sup>lo</sup> Jon<sup>t</sup> Day Moderator for S<sup>d</sup> Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted That all Denominations in the Towns of Dudly Viz Congregationalist, Baptists, Universalists &

Quakers Bring in their Names to the assessors of which Denomination they are of and all that refuse or Neglect to return their Names as aforesaid Shall be Taxed to the Congregational order

3<sup>rd</sup> Voted to grant and Raise 60£ to pay for preaching this Season

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Chuse a Committee of 3 persons to provide preaching

5 Voted Doctor John E. Eaton, Edward Davis Esqr & Col<sup>o</sup> Jonathan Day Said Committee

Dudley August 30<sup>th</sup> 1790 The proposals of D<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Glysson administrator on the Estate of the Rev. Charles Gleason Late of Dudley Dece<sup>d</sup> and Edward Davis agent of the Town of Dudley Relative to the action that the Said Dece<sup>d</sup> had Commnc<sup>d</sup> against the Inhabitants of Said Town that the Said agent agrees to Recommend To the Town that they Pay unto the Said administrator the Eighty Seven pounds voted & granted in May 1785 that is not already paid and Interest from the Time of the Grant untill paid & all Cost of suit to this Day

Will<sup>m</sup> Glysson  
Edward Davis

Worcester SS. To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley In Said County Greeting

In the name of the Common-wealth of Massachusetts you or either of you are hereby requir'd forthwith to warn or notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley (qualified to Vote for a Representative) to meet at the Meeting house in Said Town On Monday the fourth day of Oct<sup>r</sup> Next at One OClock P. M. then & there to act upon the following articles (Viz)

First To Vote for a person to Represent the County of

Agreement  
of Dr Wm  
Gleason  
Es<sup>r</sup> Davis





Worcester in The Congress of the United States agreeable to the Resolve of the General Court of this Common-wealth

2<sup>nd</sup>ly To Choose a Moderator for the Remainder of Said Meetg

3<sup>rd</sup>ly To Choose a Select-man In the Room of L<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Larned Late of Dudley Deceas'd

4<sup>th</sup>ly To abate such Taxes that the Constable Exhibit on S<sup>d</sup> Day That the Town sees fitt

5<sup>th</sup>ly For the Town to Ratify the Mutual agreement of Edward Davis Esq<sup>r</sup> & Doc<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Gleason Relative to the Action that the Rev. C. Gleason Brought against S<sup>d</sup> Town if they think Best

6<sup>th</sup>ly To see if the Town will Grant to Col<sup>o</sup> J. Day, Doct. John E. Eaton, M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Lee & M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Allen the Two Hind Body Seats for pew Spots

7<sup>th</sup>ly To See if the Town will agree that the Two School Districts By M<sup>r</sup> Gores be made into One as Usual & but one School House & that to Be in the Center

Hereof fail not and make Due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before Said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid this Ninth Day of Sep<sup>r</sup> AD 1790

John Warren	}	Selectmen
John Eddy		of
Isaac Lee		Dudley

Worcester SS. Dudley oct<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1790. In obedience to the within Warrant I have warned the Freeholders And other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley qualified to Vote agreeable to the Constitution for a Representative &c. to meet at Time and place within Mentioned by Setting up this Warrant at the usual place in Dudley

Pr me Jonathan Day Constable

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At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley qualified agreeable to the Constitution to

Vote for a representative &c. on Monday the fourth day of  
Oct<sup>r</sup> AD 1790

Voted for a Representative as Follows Viz

For the Hon<sup>le</sup> Jonathan Grout Esq 40 Votes

Hon John Sprague Esq<sup>r</sup> 22 Ditto

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted Col<sup>o</sup> Jon<sup>t</sup> Day Moderator for Rem of Said  
Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted Col<sup>o</sup> Jonat Day Selectman in the Room of  
L<sup>t</sup> Larned

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate Ichabod Chamberlains in Tim<sup>r</sup> Cor-  
bins hands 7 / 2 Also Amos Cummins Rates in D<sup>o</sup> hands  
3 / 8

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate Will<sup>m</sup> Hobbs Rates in Con Stephen  
Healy's hands £1..15..8½ Ditto John Johnson in Ditto  
£2..11..8 Ditto Joseph Leshuse in D<sup>o</sup> £2..5..1 Ditto Perly  
Phillips C<sup>r</sup> in Ditto hands £1..7..0..0 Ditto John Vinton  
D<sup>o</sup> 3 / 3

6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to abate Aaron Albees Minister Rats in  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Healys 3 / 8½ Ditto to abate Micarah Robinson Min-  
ister Rates in C. Corbins hands

7<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to Ratify the agreement of Edward Davis  
Esq agent for S<sup>d</sup> Town & Doc<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Glysson administrator  
on the Estate of the Rev. C. Gleason Late of Dudley Dec<sup>d</sup>

8<sup>th</sup>ly Voted not to Grant the Request of Co<sup>l</sup> J. Day &  
others

9<sup>th</sup> ly Voted to pass by the 7<sup>th</sup> Article  
Desolved

Warrant



Worcester SS. To Either of the Constables of the Town  
of Dudley in Said County Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You  
are hereby Directed to warn or Notify the freeholders and  
other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Aforesaid Qualified  
to Vote in Town affairs to meet at our Meeting-house in Said  
Town on Monday the Eighth Day of Nov<sup>r</sup> at Ten OClock

A. M. then and There to act upon the following articles  
(Viz)

First To Chuse a Moderator for Said Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly To See if the Town will Concur with the Vote of  
the Church of Christ in Said Town of Dudley in Making  
Choice of The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Joshua Johnson of North Woodstock  
For their Gospel Minister

3<sup>rd</sup>ly If the Town Concurs with the Church then for Them  
To agree what offers they will make the Said M<sup>r</sup> Johnson for  
his Settlement and Salery &c

Hereof fail not and Make due Return of this Warrant With  
your doings thereon unto us at or before Said Day Dated  
at Dudley the 22<sup>d</sup> Day of October AD 1790.

John Warren	}	Selectmen
Jon <sup>t</sup> Day		
Isaac Lee		
Thomas Larned		

Worcester SS. Nov<sup>r</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1790 In obedience to the with-  
in Warrant I have Warned The freeholders and other Inhab-  
itants of the Town of Dudly Qualified to Vote in Town  
affairs &c. to meet at time and place within Mentioned by  
Setting up this Warrant At the usual place in Dudly

P<sup>r</sup> me Jon<sup>t</sup> Day Constable

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Dudley Nov<sup>r</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1790 at a Meeting of the Freeholders  
And other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley qualified to  
Vote in Town affairs &c Regularly assembled At the Meeting  
house in S<sup>d</sup> Town on Monday the Eighth day of Nov<sup>r</sup> AD  
1790

First Voted Doct<sup>r</sup> John Elliot Eaton Moderator for S<sup>d</sup>  
Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted to Concur with the Church of Christ in Said  
Town In making Choice of the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Joshua Johnson of  
North Woodstock for their Gospel Minister

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted to Chuse a Committee to Confer with the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Johnson

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted the Committee to Consist of Five

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Edward Davis Esq<sup>r</sup>, Col<sup>o</sup> Jon<sup>t</sup> Day, Maj<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Larned, D<sup>r</sup> John E. Eaton, & Maj<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Healy said Committee

6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted to adjourn this Meeting for half an Hour

Met agreeable to adjournment

First The above Committee Laid their proposals Made to the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Johnson before the Town which are as Follows (Viz) For M<sup>r</sup> Johnsons Yearly Salery Eighty Pounds To be paid in the following manner (Viz) Thirty Pounds In Cash Ten pounds in Wood, Forty Pounds in Grain Estemating the grain as follows (viz) Wheat at Six Shillings p<sup>r</sup> Bushel Rye at Four Shillings p<sup>r</sup> Bushel & Indian Corn at Three Shillings p<sup>r</sup> Bushel and the Wood to be In the Same proportion with the grain all to be Delivered at M<sup>r</sup> Johnson's Dwelling-house in Dudly At or before the first day of March annually

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted to acquiesce in the Committee's offers made to the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Joshua Johnson for his Yearly Sallery so long as he Performs the work of the Ministry with us

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted to grant to the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Johnson as a Settlement Seventy pounds to Be paid in the following manner (Viz) Thirty Five pounds to be paid in Six Months & Thirty five pounds in Eighteen Months

4<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Wednesday the First Day of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1790 to be the Day for the Ordination of the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Joshua Johnson of North Woodstock

5<sup>th</sup>ly Voted the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Williams West Woodstock, Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Russel Thompson, Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Pain Sturbridge Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Williams Northampton, Rev M<sup>r</sup> Campbell Charlton, Rev M<sup>r</sup> Mills Sutton, Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Austin Worcester, Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Lyman Woodstock Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Atkins Killingly, to be the gentlemen to assist In the Installment of the Rev. Joshua Johnson

6<sup>th</sup>ly Voted Doc<sup>r</sup> John E. Eaton, Maj<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Healy, And

L<sup>t</sup> Thomas Larned to be a Committee to prepare For the Entertainment of the Counsell

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Worcester SS      To either of the Constables of The Town of Dudley in Said County Greeting



In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you or either of you are hereby directed forthwith to warn or notify the freeholders And other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley (duly qualified to Vote for a representative to meet at the meeting house in Said Town on Friday the Twenty Sixth of Nov<sup>r</sup> Instant at One OClock P.M. then & there To act upon the following articles Viz

First To Vote for a person to Represent the County of Worcester in the Congress of the United States

2<sup>nd</sup>ly To Choos a Moderator for the Remainder of Said Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup>ly To see if the Town will Repair, or new build the Bridge over Quinabogue, by M<sup>r</sup> Vintons.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto the Select-men on or before S<sup>d</sup> Day. Dated at Dudley aforesaid this Nineteenth day of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1790.

John Warren	}	Selectmen
Isaac Lee		
Thomas Larned		

Worcester SS 26 of Nov. 1790 In obedience to the within warrant I have warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants qualified to vote for a Representative to meet at time and place within by Setting this Warrant at our meeting house

Pr      Jon<sup>t</sup> Day      Constable

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At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Dudley Duly qualified agreeable to the Constitution to Vote for a Representative Regularly Assembled at the

Meeting house In Dudley on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1790

First The Votes being Sorted and Counted the following Persons were Voted for Viz

Hon. Jonathan Grout Esq<sup>r</sup> had 42 Votes

Artemus Ward Esq<sup>r</sup> had 8 Ditto

2<sup>ndly</sup> Voted Col<sup>o</sup> Jon<sup>t</sup> Day Moderator for the remainder of S<sup>d</sup> Meeting

3<sup>rdly</sup> Voted to Chuse a Committee of 3 to view the Bridge over quinabogue River by M<sup>r</sup> Vintons & Report as soon as may be

4<sup>thly</sup> Voted L<sup>t</sup> John Warren L<sup>t</sup> Thomas Larned & Co<sup>ll</sup> Jon<sup>t</sup> Day Said Committee

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March  
Warrant  
For 1791

Worcester SS. To either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in Said County Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed Forthwith to warn or notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town of Dudley Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the Meeting House in S<sup>d</sup> Town on Monday the Seventh Day of March Next at Nine OClock A. M. Then and there to act upon the Following articles Viz

First To vote and Choose a Moderator for S<sup>d</sup> Meeting

2ly To Choose Town officers for the Year Ensuing as the Law Directs

3ly To See if the Town will agree to a Collector or Collectors of Taxes For the Year Ensuing he or they Procuring good Bondsmen

4ly To See if the town will let their Swine run at large the Ensuing Year

5<sup>thly</sup> To grant money for our highways & Bridges this year & agree how the Same Shall be Expended

6<sup>thly</sup> To Vote for a County Register for the County of Worcester agreeable to Law

7<sup>thly</sup> To See what the Town will do with the action that M<sup>r</sup> Elisha Corbin Brought against S<sup>d</sup> Town



8<sup>thly</sup> To see if the Town will allow the North-West School Ward In Dudley to appropriate their school money that is in Cons<sup>le</sup> Walcots hands for Building a New School House

9<sup>thly</sup> To See if the Town will agree that all Orders be Drawn on the Town Treasury

10<sup>thly</sup> To see if the Town will appoint a Committee to Serch into the matter relative to some Some Soldiers Wages which they Expect is now Due to them

11ly To hear the report of the Committee relative to the Bridge over Quinaboge River.

Hereof fail not and make Due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon unto the Select-men on or before S<sup>d</sup> Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid this fifttheenth day of Feb<sup>y</sup> Anno Domini One Thousand Seven hundred & Ninety one

Jon <sup>t</sup> Day	} Select Men
John Eddy	
Isaac Lee	
Thomas Larned	

Worcester SS March 7<sup>th</sup> 1791 In obedience to the within Warrant I have warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley to meet at time and place within mentioned by seting up an attested Copy of This Warrant at the Meeting House the Usual place in Said Dudley.

James Walcot      Constable

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At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley (qualified To Vote in Town affairs) Regularly assembled at the Meeting House in Dudley on Monday the Seventh Day of March AD 1791

First Voted Col<sup>o</sup> Jon<sup>t</sup> Day Moderator for Said Meeting

2<sup>ndly</sup> Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> John Chamberlain Town Clerk

3ly Voted to have 5 Selectmen this Year

- 4ly Voted Col<sup>o</sup> Jon<sup>t</sup> Day First Select man  
 5ly Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> John Eddy Second D<sup>o</sup>  
 6ly Voted Leu<sup>t</sup> Thomas Larned 3<sup>d</sup> D<sup>o</sup>  
 7ly Voted L<sup>t</sup> Ezekiel Brown 4<sup>th</sup> D<sup>o</sup>  
 8ly Voted M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Lee 5<sup>th</sup> D<sup>o</sup>  
 9ly Voted M<sup>r</sup> Simeon Wood Town Treasury  
 10ly Voted to have 5 assessors the present Year  
 11ly Voted L<sup>t</sup> Ezekiel Brown First  
 12ly Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> John Chamberlain 2<sup>d</sup> D<sup>o</sup>  
 13ly Voted D<sup>r</sup> James Walcot 3<sup>rd</sup> D<sup>o</sup>  
 14ly Voted L<sup>t</sup> Thomas Larned 4<sup>th</sup> D<sup>o</sup>  
 15ly Voted M<sup>r</sup> Stephen Wood 5<sup>th</sup> D<sup>o</sup>  
 These men have taken the oaths Required By Law  
 16ly Voted to have 2 Collectors this Year they Procuring  
 Bondsmen  
 17ly Voted James Walcot West End Collector he Bid-  
 ding it off at 4½D On the pound & Cap<sup>t</sup> John Eddy &  
 L<sup>t</sup> Ezekiel Brown ware Brought for S<sup>d</sup> Walcots Bondsmen &  
 accepted  
 18ly Voted Timothy Corbin East End Collector he offer-  
 ing to Serve Free of any Cost to the Town & Brought E.  
 Davis Esqr. and M<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>t</sup> Bacon for Bondsmen & Were ac-  
 cepted  
 19ly Voted the Collectors to Be Constables the year En-  
 suing.  
 Constables Sworn  
 20ly Voted Nathal Healy Jr. & L<sup>t</sup> Tim. Foster Jr Wardi-  
 eans  
 21ly Voted Stephen Healy & Will<sup>m</sup> Foster Tythingmen  
 22ly Voted Maj<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>el</sup> Healy Sealer of Weights &  
 Measures  
 23ly Voted John Healy Sealer of Leather  
 24ly Voted Josiah Hovey Culler of Lumber  
 25ly Voted Luther Chamberlain & Eleazer Putney Jr  
 Fence Viewers  
 26ly Voted Royal Sayles, James Dyer, Will<sup>m</sup> Vinton,  
 L<sup>t</sup> Jo Keith, L<sup>t</sup> Jon<sup>t</sup> Willard, Joseph Davis Jr, Daniel Ar-

nold, Thomas Morris, Daniel Sabin, Asa Curtis, and Moses Healy Highway Surveyors

27ly Voted to Let our swine run at large this year

28ly Voted Daniel Albee, Ezbon Carter, Daniel Wiman, Joel Wakefield, Pearly Stone & Joseph Upham Hog-reaves the present year

The Committee appointed to view the Bridge over Quinabogue River Report that is their opinion to Build the Bridge above the old one at that place that has been much talked of

29ly To put over the Matter about Raising money for our Highways and Bridges untill April meeting

30<sup>th</sup>ly Voted for a County Register for the County of Worcester as follows (Viz)

For Co <sup>l</sup> Daniel Clap	40 Votes
For Col <sup>o</sup> Samuel Flagg	26 Do

31<sup>st</sup> Voted to Contest the matter in the Law with M<sup>r</sup> E. Corbin

32ly Voted Edward Davis Esq<sup>r</sup> agent for the Town of Dudley To Contest or Defend the Town against the action that M<sup>r</sup> Elisha Corbin has Brought against S<sup>d</sup> Town

33<sup>rd</sup> ly Voted to grant liberty to the North West School Ward to Draw Their School money in Doc<sup>r</sup> James Walcot's hands for the use of Building a new School house

34ly Voted that all orders be Drawn on the Town Treasurer

35<sup>th</sup>ly Voted To Choose a Committee of 3 to Search into the matter relative to Some Soldiers Wages

36ly Voted Col<sup>o</sup> Jon<sup>t</sup> Day, Edward Davis Esq<sup>r</sup> & and Capt<sup>t</sup> John Chamberlain Said Committee

37ly Voted to adjourn this Meeting untill aprill Meeting  
Meet agreeable to adjournment

1<sup>st</sup> Voted to put over the Matter about the Bridge of Quinabogue River untill may Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted to choose a Committee to Inquire of M<sup>r</sup> John Vinton the W<sup>o</sup> Sarah Cheney, and Caleb Ammidown Esq What Conditions the Town may have a Road through their Land and also to know What Esq Ammidown will Do towards Building a Bridge over the River by M<sup>rs</sup> Cheneys

- 3ly Voted the Committee to Consist of 5 Persons  
 4ly Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> John Eddy, Maj<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Healy, L<sup>t</sup> John Warren, Edward Davis Esqr. & D<sup>r</sup> James Walcot S<sup>d</sup> Committee  
 5ly Voted £60 for the cost of our highways and Bridge this year  
 the aforesaid officers have all Taken the oaths Requir'd by Law Except  
 N. B. the highway work to be at 3 / per Day to the 1<sup>st</sup> of Oct<sup>r</sup> Next
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April  
 Warrant  
 1791



Worcester SS. To Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in S<sup>d</sup> County Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you or either of you are hereby Required Forthwith to warn or Notify the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley duly Qualified to Vote for governours &c agreeable to the Constitution to meet at the Meeting House in Dudley on Monday the Fourth Day of April Next at Ten OClock A. M. Then and Their to act upon the Following articles viz

- First To Vote for a Governour  
 2ly To vote for a Lieu<sup>t</sup> Governour  
 3ly To Vote for Counsellors & Senators agreeable to Law  
 4ly To Choose a Moderator for the Remainder of S<sup>d</sup> Meetinge  
 5ly To vote for a County Treasurer for the County of Worcester  
 6ly To Grant Money for Schooling for the Year Ensuing  
 7ly To Choose School Committees for the Currant Year  
 8ly For the Town to appropriate the Ministerial Money already assessed in the Constables hands to that Use which will be most advantageous  
 9ly To See if the Town will Empower L<sup>t</sup> Timo<sup>r</sup> Foster Jr to Collect The remainder of the Taxes that is Due to Lemuel foster Cons<sup>le</sup> From the East part of the Town

10<sup>ly</sup> To See if the Town will grant money to pay  
Doc<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Glyson The arrears due to the Rev. Charles Gleason  
Late of Dudly Dec<sup>d</sup>

11<sup>ly</sup> To abate Such Taxes as the Constables Exhibit on  
S<sup>d</sup> Day that the Town Sees fitt

12<sup>ly</sup> To Choose a person to take Care of the Meeting  
House

Hereof fail not & make Due Return of this Warrant  
With your doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before Said  
Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid this Twelfth day of March  
One Thousand Seven hundred & Ninety One

Jon <sup>t</sup> Eddy	} Selectmen
Tho <sup>s</sup> Larned	
Ezekel Brown	
Isaac Lee	

Worcester SS. April 4<sup>th</sup> 1791. By virtue of the  
within Warrant I have Notified the freeholders And other In-  
habitants of the Town of Dudley Qualified Agreeable to the  
Constitution to Vote for Governours to Meet at Time & place  
within Mentioned by Setting Up this Warrant at the usual  
place in S<sup>d</sup> Dudly as the Law Directs

Timo<sup>y</sup> Corbin Constable of Dudly

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudly Reg-  
ularly Assembled at the meeting house in Dudly on Monday  
the Fourth Day of April 1791.

First Voted For a Governour as follows. (Vize  
For his Excellency John Hancock Esq<sup>r</sup> 70 Votes

2<sup>ly</sup> For Lieu<sup>t</sup> Governour  
For His Hon<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Adams Esq<sup>r</sup> 58 D<sup>o</sup>

For Counsellors & Senators as follows (Vize  
Hon. Moses Gill 50 Votes  
Abel Wilder 50 D<sup>o</sup>  
Jon<sup>t</sup> Grout 40 D<sup>o</sup>

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|-------------------------------------|-------|
| John Fesenden                       | 40 D° |
| Amos Singletary                     | 27 D° |
| Timothy Newell                      | 14 D° |
| Jon <sup>t</sup> Warner             | 10 D° |
| Sam <sup>l</sup> Baker              | 9 D°  |
| and Dwight Foster Esq <sup>rs</sup> | 8 D°  |
- 4<sup>ly</sup> Voted Col<sup>o</sup> Jon<sup>t</sup> Day Moderator for the Remainder of Said Meeting
- 1<sup>ly</sup> Voted for a County Treasurer as follows vize  
For Sam<sup>l</sup> Allen 41 Votes
- 6<sup>ly</sup> Voted £60 for Schooling the Present Year
- 7<sup>ly</sup> Voted Lieu<sup>t</sup> Keith, John Bracket, Luther Chamberlain  
L<sup>t</sup> Jon<sup>t</sup> Willard, John Healy, En. Lem. Healy, Thomas Cheney  
& L<sup>t</sup> John Warren School Committees
- 8<sup>ly</sup> Voted to appropriate the Ministerial Money already  
assessed in the Constables hands to pay the Settlement of the  
Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Johnson
- 9<sup>ly</sup> Voted Edward Davis Esq<sup>r</sup> a Committee to Receive  
Donations that may be given by People out of Town for the  
Support of M<sup>r</sup> Johnson
- 10<sup>ly</sup> Voted to pass by the 9<sup>th</sup> article in the Warrant
- 11<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Raise £55. to pay Doc<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Glysson The  
old arrears of the Rev. C. Gleason
- 12<sup>ly</sup> Voted £16 to pay M<sup>r</sup> Gleason for what he preached  
The last year of his life and also for what Neighbouring Min-  
isters preached after his Decease
- 13<sup>ly</sup> Voted To abate Jeams Brown Ministerial Poll Tax In  
Lem<sup>l</sup> Foster Hands
- 14<sup>ly</sup> Voted to C<sup>r</sup> Ephraim Corbin for Eb<sup>r</sup> Kimballs Rats  
12 / 0  $\frac{1}{4}$
- 15<sup>ly</sup> Voted to abate Sam<sup>l</sup> Pikes Rates In E. Corbins hand  
9 / 6  $\frac{1}{2}$
- 16<sup>ly</sup> Voted David Nichols To Take Care of the Meeting  
House
- 17<sup>ly</sup> Voted To abate Nath<sup>el</sup> Fitts Rates in Cons. Will  
Smith Hands to Collect
- This Meeting Disolved
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Worcester SS. To either of The Constables of the Town of Dudley in the County of Worcester Greeting

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In the name of the Common-wealth of Massachusetts You or either of you are hereby Directed forthwith to warn or Notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley duly qualified to Vote for a Representative to meet at the Meeting-house in S<sup>d</sup> Town on Monday the Second day of May next at one OClock P. M. then and there to act upon the Following articles (Viz)

First to Choose a person to Represent the Town of Dudley In the General Court of this Common-wealth to be holding in Boston on the Last Wednesday of may Next and from Session to Session whenever the Said Court Shall Sit for the year Ensuing

2<sup>dly</sup> To choose a person for a moderator for the Remainder of S<sup>d</sup> Meeting

3<sup>rdly</sup> To hear the Report of the Committee Chosen at April meeting last past to Enquire of Messrs. Obadiah Sabin, John Vinton & the W<sup>o</sup> Sarah Cheney on what Condition the Town May have a Road through their Land and also to know what Encouragement Caleb Amidown Esq<sup>r</sup> gives relative To the Building of a Bridge over Quinabogue River by M<sup>rs</sup> Cheneys, and to act thereon as the Town See's fitt

4<sup>ly</sup> To See if the Town will allow or Grant to James Dyer & Others the Priviledge of their Drawing their School money

5<sup>ly</sup> To See if the Town will make Maj<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Healy Some Sattisfaction for the Entertainment of the Council in the Settlement of the Rev. Joshua Johnson

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with Your doings thereon unto the Select-men on or before Said day Dated at Dudley aforesaid this Eighteenth Day Of April Anno Domini 1791.

Jonathan Day,	}	Selectmen
John Eddy		
Tho <sup>s</sup> Larned		
Ezekil Brown		
Isaac Lee		

Worcester SS. May 2<sup>d</sup> 1791 By virtue of the within Warrant I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley duly qualified to Vote for a Representative to meet at time & place within Mentioned by Setting up this Warrant at the usual Place in S<sup>d</sup> Dudley

p<sup>r</sup> me Tim<sup>y</sup> Corbin Constable of Dudley

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At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of The Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at the Meeting House in S<sup>d</sup> Town on Monday the 2<sup>d</sup> Day of May 1791.

First Voted and made Choice of Cap<sup>t</sup> John Chamberlain to Represent the Town at the general Court

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted Col<sup>o</sup> Jon<sup>t</sup> Day Moderator for the Rem<sup>r</sup> of S<sup>d</sup> Meeting

The Committee Reporting Concerning the Bridges &c.

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Repair the Old Bridge By m<sup>r</sup> J. Vintons

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted to request the Selectmen to lay out a Road from The Widow Cheney's to Charlton line meaning on the West Side of the line Between M<sup>r</sup> John Vintons & the W<sup>o</sup> Cheanys and the Road to be opened & kept In good Repair as soon as their is a Bridge Erected over The River by Individuals & the road to Continue So long as the Proprietors keep the Bridge in good Repair and no Longer.

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Grant James Dyer, Thom<sup>s</sup> Dyer & Theoder Marcy The Priviledge of Drawing their School money untill Further orders from the Town

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted to put over the matter of Maj<sup>r</sup> Healys Request untill the next meeting

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Worcester SS. To either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley In the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Common-wealth of Massachusetts You or either of you are hereby required forthwith to warn or Notify the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Dud-



ley qualified to Vote in Town affairs To meet at the meeting house in S<sup>d</sup> Town on Monday the Nineteenth day of this Instant Sep<sup>t</sup> at One OClock P. M. Then and there to act upon the following Articles Viz

First To choose a Moderator for Said Meeting

2<sup>ndly</sup> For the Town to Give the Assessors some particular instructions Respecting the assessing the Ministerial Rate

3<sup>rdly</sup> For the Committee to make Report to the Town of what Donations are Given towards M<sup>r</sup> Johnson's Salery

4<sup>thly</sup> To hear our Agent respecting our Law Suites if he pleaseth to exhibit any thing

5<sup>thly</sup> For the town to take into further Consideration the Bridge Over Quinabogue River by M<sup>r</sup> Vintons

6<sup>ly</sup> To grant money for the necessary Charges of the Town the present Year

7<sup>ly</sup> To abate Such Taxes as the Constables Exhibit on S<sup>d</sup> Day That the Town Sees fitt

8<sup>ly</sup> To hear the Report of the Committee respecting the Six & Three months men's Wages for the Year 1780 And Act thereon as is most Expedient

Hereof fail not and make due return Of this warrant with Your doings unto the Selectmen on or Before Said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid this fifth Day of Sep<sup>t</sup> AD 1791.

Jonathan Day	}	Selectmen
John Eddy		
Thomas Larned		
Ezekeil Brown		
Isaac Lee		

Worcester SS. Sep<sup>t</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1791. In obedience to the within Warrant I have warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley to meet at time & place within Mentioned By Setting up an Attested Copy of this Warrant at the Usual Place in Said Dudley

James Walcot      Constable

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at the meeting house in Said Town on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> day of Sep<sup>r</sup> 1791.

First Voted Col<sup>o</sup> J. Day Moderator for S<sup>d</sup> Meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to assess the ministerial Tax as they were assessed The Last Year

3<sup>rd</sup> Edward Davis Esq<sup>r</sup> enter'd his Protest against the Vote

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Grant & Raise 80£ for Necessary Charges

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Pass over the 7<sup>th</sup> Article

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted to put over hearing the report of the Committee respecting the Six & 3 Months men's Wages untill the Next Meeting

7<sup>ly</sup> Voted that Our Agent produce the particulars of the Law Suits and lay the Same before the Town at their Next Meeting

Worcester SS. To either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Common-wealth of Massachusetts You or either of You are hereby required forthwith to warn or notify The freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the meeting house in Said Town on Monday the Seventh Day of Nov<sup>r</sup> Next at One OClock P. M. Then and there to act upon the following Articles (Viz)

First To Choos a Moderator for Said Meeting

2<sup>ndly</sup> To See if the Town will Rebuild the Bridge over Quinabogue River By M<sup>r</sup> Vintons or act thereon as the Town thinks Most Expedient

3<sup>rdly</sup> For our Agent Respecting the Law Suits against the Town To Exhibit the Particulars of all Costs that have arisen in Consequence of Said Suits Agreeable to a Vote of the last meeting.

4<sup>ly</sup> To grant money to Pay the Rev. Joshua Johnson's Salary that Becomes Due the first Day of Dec<sup>r</sup> Next

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before Said day Dated at Dudley Aforesaid this Twenty-Fourth day of Oct<sup>r</sup> In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Ninety One

Jonathan Day	}	Selectmen
Thomas Larned		
Isaac Lee		

Worcester SS. Nov<sup>r</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1791. I have warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at Time and Place within mentioned by Setteing up this Warrant at the Usual Place in Dudley

Tim<sup>y</sup> Corbin      Constable

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At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants Of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at the meeting House in Dudley on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1791

1<sup>st</sup> Voted Col<sup>o</sup> Jon<sup>t</sup> Day Moderator for Said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>ly Voted to Rebuild the bridge over Quinabogue River by M<sup>r</sup> Vintons

3<sup>rd</sup>ly Voted that the Expence of Said Bridge be Paid in Town orders

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted to let the Jobb of Rebuilding S<sup>d</sup> Bridge out to M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Cheney upon the following Conditions (vize) the Bridge to be Built of White Oak Timber or Chesnut and to Contain five String pieces Two at least to go the Whole length between the Butments With Good plank. 14 feet long with Good King posts & Sufficient pillanes.\* all the above mentioned work to be done and Compleatly finished by the first of May Next For which Services the above mentioned Cheney is to Receive Fifteen Pounds

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Pass by the 4<sup>th</sup> article in the Warrant Edward Davis Esq<sup>r</sup> Entered his Protest against the above Vote

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\* Probably purlins.—ED.

Worcester SS      To either of the Constables of the Town  
of Dudley In the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You  
or either of you are hereby directed to warn or Notify the free-  
holders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley (duly  
Qualified to Vote in Town affairs) to meet at the Meeting  
house in Dudley on Fryday the Eighteenth day of this Instant  
at One OClock P. M.      then and there to act upon the fol-  
lowing articles Viz

First to Vote for a Moderator for S<sup>d</sup> Meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> To Chuse a Constable & Collector in the Room &  
Stead of Doc<sup>r</sup> James Walcot who is under Necessaty of being  
absent Which will prevent the Collections of Taxes by S<sup>d</sup>  
Walcot

3<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will Request the Selectmen to Lay  
out a Road From Cap<sup>t</sup> John Eddys to M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Vintons  
meaning from The road by Cap<sup>t</sup> John Eddys to the Road Lead-  
ing from Dudley To Sturbridge not far from S<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Vintons

4<sup>ly</sup> To Abate Such taxes as the Constables Exhibit on  
S<sup>d</sup> day that the Town Sees fitt

5<sup>thly</sup> To hear the Petion of John Fenner Esq<sup>r</sup> and others  
respecting the Six months men Wages in the Year 1780

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with  
Your doings thereon unto the Selectmen On or before Said  
day      Dated at Dudley aforesaid this Seventh Day of  
Nov<sup>r</sup> 1791.

Jonathan Day	} Selectmen
John Eddy	
Thomas Larned	
Ezekiel Brown	
Isaac Lee	



Worcester SS. November 18<sup>th</sup> 1791. In Obedience to the within Warrant I have Warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley To meet at time and place within mentioned By Setting up this Warrant at the Usual place in Dudley

James Walcot Constable

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At a meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley quallified to Vote in Town affairs regularly assembled at the meeting house in S<sup>d</sup> Town on Fryday the 18<sup>th</sup> day of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1791.

First Voted Col<sup>o</sup> Jon<sup>t</sup> Day moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Excuse Doc<sup>r</sup> James Walcot as Serving Constable and Collector the Present year The Constable & Collector birth being Set up at Vendue M<sup>r</sup> Ezbon Carter bidd it off at Three Pence half penny on the pound

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to request the Selectmen to Lay out a Road from Cap<sup>t</sup> John Eddys to m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Vintons

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted to abate John Barnes Senior Minister rate in Walcot hands 5 / 0

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted to accept of M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Allen & M<sup>r</sup> Moses Healy as Bondsmen for Ezbon Carter Constable & Collector Voted to C<sup>r</sup> Asa Robinson for all Taxes unpaid due to him from John Heath

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted to C<sup>r</sup> James Walcot for Jacob Dailys Rates to the amount 5 / 11

7<sup>ly</sup> Voted to C<sup>r</sup> Lem<sup>ll</sup> Foster For Tom<sup>s</sup> Ingrams Rates to the amount of 12 / 2

Meeting Dessolved

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Worcester SS. To either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley Greeting you are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn

the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of s<sup>d</sup> Town quallified by law to vote in Town affairs (viz) Such as pay To one single Tax besides the poll or polls, a Sum Equal To two thirds of a Single poll tax) to meet and assemble at the meeting house in Said Dudley on Monday the Fifth Day of March Next at Nine OClock A.M.

To act on the Following articles (viz)

First To Choose a Moderator for said meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> To choose Town officers for the Year ensuing agreeable To Law

3<sup>ly</sup> To hire a Constable or Constables and Collectors for the year Ensuing on such terms as the Town shall think best

4<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will let their swine run at large The Current year

5<sup>ly</sup> To grant money for schooling the ensuing Year

6<sup>ly</sup> To choose School Committees if the Town sees fitt

7<sup>ly</sup> For the Town to accept of the roads layed out by the Selectmen the Year past if the Town thinks best

8<sup>ly</sup> To Grant money for our highways & Bridges the Currant year and agree how the Same shall be expended

9<sup>ly</sup> To grant money for Necessary Charges of said Town if needed

10<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will agree that a Number of Inhabitants That are about to build a Large school house in the midty of the Town may draw their money or act thereon as the Town sees fitt

11<sup>ly</sup> To heare the request of M<sup>r</sup> Elisha Corbin respecting some Dudley Land and act thereon as the Town sees fitt.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings theron unto the Selectmen on or before said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid this Seventeenth Day of Feb<sup>y</sup> 1792

Jon <sup>a</sup> Day	}	Selectmen of Dudley
John Eddy		
Tho <sup>s</sup> Larned		

Worcester SS. March 5<sup>th</sup> 1792 In obedience to the within Warrant I have warned the Freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town quallified by Law to Vote in Town affairs to meet at time and place within mentioned by setting up a True copy of this Warrant at the usual Place in S<sup>d</sup> Dudley

Pr me Timothy Corbin Constable of Dudley

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At a meeting of the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at the Meeting House in S<sup>d</sup> Town on Monday the Fifth Day of March 1792

First Voted and Choose Col<sup>o</sup> Jona. Day Moderator for the S<sup>d</sup> Meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> John Chamberlain Town Clerk who is Sworn

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to have 5 Selectmen the Currant year

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted Col<sup>o</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup> Day First Select man

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> John Eddy 2<sup>d</sup> D<sup>o</sup>

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted Lieut Thom. Larned 3<sup>d</sup> D<sup>o</sup>

7<sup>ly</sup> Voted M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Lee 4<sup>th</sup> D<sup>o</sup>

8<sup>ly</sup> Voted Lien<sup>t</sup> Ezekiel Brown 5<sup>th</sup> D<sup>o</sup>

9<sup>ly</sup> Voted to have 5 assessors the Ensuing Year

10<sup>ly</sup> Voted Lieut Ezekiel Brown First assessor

11<sup>ly</sup> Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> John Chamberlain 2<sup>d</sup> D<sup>o</sup>

12<sup>ly</sup> Voted Lieut John Warren 3<sup>d</sup> D<sup>o</sup>

13<sup>ly</sup> Voted Col<sup>o</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup> Day 4<sup>th</sup> D<sup>o</sup>

14<sup>ly</sup> Voted Lieut Thomas Larned 5<sup>th</sup> D<sup>o</sup>

These officers are Sworn to the faithfull performance of their Trust

15<sup>ly</sup> Voted M<sup>r</sup> Simeon Wood Town Treasurer

16<sup>ly</sup> Voted Col<sup>o</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup> Day Constable and Collector for the East part of the Town he the S<sup>d</sup> Day being the loest bidder he biding it at one penny p<sup>r</sup> Pound

17<sup>ly</sup> Voted M<sup>r</sup> John Albee West End Constable & Collector he the S<sup>d</sup> Albee Giving one Shilling for the Berth

18<sup>ly</sup> Voted Lieut John Curtis and M<sup>r</sup> Royal Sayles Bondsmen For the performance of John Albee Cons. & Coll<sup>r</sup>

19<sup>ly</sup> Voted Lieut. Thomas Larned & M<sup>r</sup> Simeon Wood Bondsmen For the aforesaid Day Cons. & Coll<sup>r</sup>

20<sup>ly</sup> Voted John Vorce & Reuben Ammidown Wardians

21<sup>ly</sup> Voted Stephen Healy, & Lieut<sup>t</sup> Tim Foster Jr. Tythingmen

22<sup>ly</sup> Voted Major Nath<sup>l</sup> Healy Sealer of Weights & Measures

23<sup>ly</sup> Voted John Healy Sealer of Leather

24<sup>ly</sup> Voted Josiah Hovey Culler of Lumber

25<sup>ly</sup> Voted Joseph Arnold & L<sup>t</sup> John Curtis Fence Viewers

26<sup>ly</sup> Voted Joseph Vinton Jr. John Gore, David Nichols Lem<sup>el</sup> Healy, John Bracket, Stephen Wood, Cap<sup>t</sup> Corbin, L<sup>t</sup> J. Curtis Eleazer Putney J<sup>r</sup> Thomas Morriss Jared Freeman & Cap<sup>t</sup> John Eddy Highway Surveyors

27<sup>ly</sup> Voted to let their Swine run at large the Ensuing Year

28<sup>ly</sup> Voted Jon<sup>a</sup> Kingsbury Simeon Wakefield, Will<sup>m</sup> Barker Reuben Ammidown and Sam<sup>el</sup> Chamberlain Hog-reavs

29<sup>ly</sup> Voted to grant and Raise Sixty pounds for Schooling this year

30<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Choose School Committees the Currant Year

31<sup>ly</sup> Voted Reuben Ammidown, Jon<sup>t</sup> Day Lieu<sup>t</sup> Curtis, Jedidiah Corbin, John Healy, Stephen Healy Ephraim Willard & Doc<sup>r</sup> J. E. Eaton School Committees

32<sup>ly</sup> Voted to grant & Raise Sixty pounds for the Cost of the Highways & Bridges the ensuing year and the money to be expended at three shillings p<sup>r</sup> Day from the first of May to the Last of Sep<sup>t</sup> following

33<sup>ly</sup> Voted to put by the 10<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant untill

34<sup>ly</sup> April Meeting and a Committee appointed to view the Situation of the School Districts and report at the april Meeting

35<sup>ly</sup> Voted to have the Committee Consist of 5 persons

36<sup>ly</sup> Voted Lieut. Jon<sup>a</sup> Willard, John Chamberlain David Nichols John Bracket & Lieut. Joseph Kieth Said Committee

37<sup>ly</sup> Voted to have the 11<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant Subside Meeting Disolved

A Road lay'd out by the Selectmen Nov. 1791

Begining at the Corner of the wall east of the School house near Mr Jos. Vintons thence runing Southardly as the wall now stands to the southwest Corner of the orchard East of s<sup>d</sup> Vintons house From thence running southardly as the road is Now trod to a Stake & Stones by a wall thence running Southardly To a Black oak Tree marked thence Southardly to a black oak Tree near the Northwest Corner of Mr Joseph Vinton Jr House thence Southardly to a Bass wood Tree marked Thence Southardly to a Walnut Tree marked on the Edge Of Cap<sup>t</sup> John Eddy's Land Thence Southardly to a Black Oak Tree marked thence Southardly to a Stake & Stones By the road west of Said Eddys house Said road to be Two Rods Wide and all the Bounds to be on the East Side of Said Road

Jon <sup>a</sup> Day	}	Selectmen
Tho <sup>a</sup> Larned		
Ezekil Brown		
Isaac Lee		

The above mentioned road was layed before the Town at their March meeting 1792 for Their acceptance and it was accepted on this Condition That the people where Said road goes through their land Shall have Two Years to fence out Said road

16 In favour 10 against the acceptance

One other Road layed out be the Selectmen in Dec<sup>r</sup> 1791 as follows Begining at the river by Caleb Ammidons Stone wall from thence to the road already Layed out from the W<sup>o</sup> Sarah Cheney's to Jos. Vintons Bridge Thence North-

ardly from Said Amidowns Wall on the Land of S<sup>d</sup> Sarah Cheney two Rods from the line of John Vintons land to a large rock near where the road is now Trod From thence to a White pine Tree

Thence Northwestardly to a larg Old white pine tree on land of John Ammidown From thence Straight to a heap of Stones all the boundaries from Ammidowns Wall to the bounds last mentioned are on the East and Southardly Side of the road Thence from the bounds last mentioned to the line of John Vintons Land then by S<sup>d</sup> Vintons land to a Small white pine Tree at Charlton line the road to be on Said Ammidowns Land to be Two rods wide

This Road layed before the Town for their acceptance at march meeting 1792. and the Town accepted of the Road on the Terms of a former Vote on the Subject of Individuals bilding a Bridge over the river

Ditto

Road layed out by the Selectmen March 2<sup>d</sup> 1792 Begining at the South East Corner of L<sup>t</sup> Edmands Barn Yard wall thence Southardly to a stake at Woodstock line Distance about Twenty five rods Said road to be Two Rods Wide and Bounded on the Eastardly Side of S<sup>d</sup> Road

Jon <sup>t</sup> Day	}	Selectmen
John Eddy		
Tho <sup>s</sup> Larned		
Ezekiel Brown		
Isaac Lee		

This road was accepted by the Town March 5<sup>th</sup> 1792

Worcester SS. To either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley Greeting you are hereby commanded in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn or notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley duly qualified agreeable to the Constitution to vote for a Governour &c. to meet and assemble at the meeting house in



said Town on Monday the second day of April at one OClock P. M. Then & there to act upon the following articles (viz)

First To vote for a Governour Lieut. Governour Counsellors and Senators according to the Constitution

2<sup>ly</sup> To choose a Moderator for the remainder of said meeting

3<sup>ly</sup> To vote for a County Treasurer for the County of Worcester

4<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will Reconsider their vote in the acceptance of a Road layed out by the Selectmen from the School house by M<sup>r</sup> Vintons to Cap<sup>t</sup> John Eddys passed at the last march meeting

5<sup>ly</sup> To hear the Report of the Committee relative to the accomodation of the School in Said Town

6<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will dispose of the one half of the Pew spot that was formaly Benj<sup>a</sup> Newells to M<sup>r</sup> David Nichols he having purchased the building of M<sup>r</sup> Jeremiah Haskel

7<sup>ly</sup> Also the Pew spot that formaly belonged to Eb<sup>r</sup> Bacon to Tufts and Barker they having purchased the building of M<sup>r</sup> John Day

For the Town to abate such Taxes as the Constables exhibit on said Day that the Town sees fitt

Hereof fail not and make Due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before Said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid this Nineteenth day of March Anno Domini one Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-Two

Jon <sup>a</sup> Day,	}	Selectmen
John Eddy		
Tho <sup>s</sup> Larned		
Isaac Lee		
Ezekiel Brown		

Worcester April 2<sup>d</sup> 1792. In obedience to the within warrant I have warned and notified The freeholders and other Inhabitants qualified by the Constitution To vote for a Gov<sup>r</sup>

&c and other Town affairs to meet and assemble at time and place within mentioned by setting up this Warrant at the usual place in Dudly

Jon<sup>a</sup> Day      Constable

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Legally assembled at the meeting house in Said Town on Monday the 2<sup>d</sup> Day of April 1792

First The Votes being brought in for a Gov: were as follows

For his Excellency John Hancock Esq<sup>r</sup>      81 Votes

Lieu<sup>t</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup>

For his Hon<sup>r</sup> Samuel Adams Esq<sup>r</sup>      63 D<sup>o</sup>

Edward Davis Esq<sup>r</sup>      3 D<sup>o</sup>

Counsellors & Senators as follows

For the Hon. Abel Wilder      71 Votes

John Fesenden      58 D<sup>o</sup>

Salem Town      57 D<sup>o</sup>

Martin Kinsley      58 D<sup>o</sup>

Josiah Sterns Esq<sup>rs</sup>      58 D<sup>o</sup>

Moses Gill      14 D<sup>o</sup>

Sam<sup>el</sup> Baker      13 D<sup>o</sup>

Jonathan Warner      13 D<sup>o</sup>

Timothy Newell      13 D<sup>o</sup>

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted Col<sup>o</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup> Day Moderator for the remainder of Meeting

Voted for a County Treasurer as follows (viz)

For Sam<sup>el</sup> Allin Esq<sup>r</sup>      40 Votes

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted not to Reconsider the vote respecting the Road by M<sup>r</sup> Vintons

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted to put by the matter respecting the School affairs untill may meeting and add to the present Committee on the Subject Capt. John Eddy & John Healy and they to make Report at May meeting

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted to pass by the matter respecting the Pews

7<sup>ly</sup> Voted to abate Abner Mellins Minister Rate in the Constabls hands 8 / 3

8<sup>ly</sup> Voted to abate Elijah Humphreys Minister Rate in Cons<sup>e</sup> Day's hands to Collect 9 / 2

9<sup>ly</sup> Voted to abate Rufus Newells Taxes in Con. Smith hands

Meeting Dissolved

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Worcester SS. To Jonathan Day one of the Constables of the Town of Dudley Greeting

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of Said Town being Twenty One Years of age and Resident in Said Town for the space of one Year next preceeding having a freehold estate to the Value of Sixty pounds or any Estate of the Income of Three pounds annually to Meet and assemble at the Meeting house in Dudley on Monday the Seventh Day of May Next at one OClock in the afternoon

1<sup>st</sup> for the purpose Of Choosing a Representative to Represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the Last Wednesday of May Next

2<sup>ly</sup> To Choose a Moderator for the Remainder of Said meeting

3<sup>ly</sup> To hear the Report of the Committee respecting The accommodation of the several School Destricts In said Town

4<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town appoint a Committee to Confer with M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Vinton respecting the Road layed out by the Selectmen through his land and if posable to Save Cost to the Town

5<sup>ly</sup> To hear the Report of the Committee that was choosen To Receive Donations towards the Support of the Rev. J. Johnson and act thereon as the Town see's fitt

6<sup>ly</sup> To See if the Town will agree that all Denominations of Christians Except the Denomination called The Standing order or Congregationalists may be Exempted from

Ministerial Taxation and if Not agreed to, to grant the privilege of the Meeting House to those other Denominations agreeable to their Estates

Hereof fail not and make due return of This Warrant with Your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before Said day Dated at Dudley aforesaid this Twenty Third Day of April Anno Domini One Thousand Seven hundred And Ninety Two

Jonathan Day	} Selectmen
Thomas Larned	
Isaac Lee	

Worcester SS. May 7<sup>th</sup> 1792 In obedience to the within Warrant I have warned The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley qualified agreeable to the Constitution to Vote for a Representative and other Town officers To meet and assemble at time and place within Mentioned by Setting up this Warrant at the Usual Place in Dudley

Jonathan Day Constable

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at the Meeting house in Dudley on Monday the Seventh Day of May 1792.

First Voted and Chose Capt. John Chamberlain To represent them at the General Court

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted Col<sup>o</sup> Jon<sup>t</sup> Day Moderator for the Remainder of Said Meeting

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to accept the Report of the committee respecting The Several School Districts as it now Stands Reference To the Report on the Next page Will fully appear

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Choose a Committee of 3 persons to Confer with M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Vinton respecting the Road Layed out by the Selectmen

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted Major W<sup>m</sup> Larned, M<sup>r</sup> Jacob Warren & Deacon Nathan Jeffords Said Committee

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Excuse Esq<sup>r</sup> Davis as Serving as a Committee To Reseive Donations for the support of the Rev. J. Johnson

7<sup>ly</sup> Voted And Chose M<sup>r</sup> David Nichols M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Allen and Cap<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>el</sup> Healy a Committee to Receive Ministerial Donations

8<sup>ly</sup> Voted that all Denominations of Christians (Except The Standing Order so Called be Exempted from Ministerial Taxation Yeas 51. Nays 38. Edward Davis then Entered his Dissent Against the last Mentioned Vote

See the Next page for the School affairs

Dudley May 7<sup>th</sup> 1792 The Committee appointed at March & April meeting To take into Consideration the several School wards in The Town and also to take into consideration the Expedency of their being a Large and Convenient School House by the meeting house on the Condition hereafter mentioned. Ask leave to report the following agreement of your Committee

As to the School house by or near the meeting house In Dudley it is our opinion that it will be of a publick benefit providing the School is Considered as a Publick School so long as the Publick money lasts and no longer And all the Persons Included in this Ward to be at the Cost of building the School House and no others

and the outlines of the Said Ward to be as Follows (viz) on the West M<sup>r</sup> Stephen Healy and L<sup>t</sup> John Lawtons Northeasterly from S<sup>d</sup> Lawtons to Doc<sup>r</sup> John E. Eatons from thence to Tim<sup>y</sup> Corbins From thence to Joshua Corbins and then to Capt<sup>t</sup> Corbins Jedediah Corbins From thence to Jon<sup>a</sup> Bacon and then to Will<sup>m</sup> Fisher from thence to Eb<sup>r</sup> Foster's From thence on Connecticut Line to m<sup>r</sup> Stephen Healy's aforementioned Including all Within these out lines with the Persons aforementioned As outlines

as to the ward on the West Side of Quinabogue River it is our opinion to Divide Said Ward In the following manner from M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Vinton Jr.s up the river if he the S<sup>d</sup> Vinton Chooses to go to that Ward to the small Ward

hereafter mentioned and from Said Vintons to M<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>a</sup> Stones and all North of this Line to make a district

As to the small District aforementioned We will name them Josiah Barnes, Lt. Ezekiel Brown, Phineas Whitney, Nathan Brown, the Farm Late belonging to Cap<sup>t</sup> Stephen Comans, Joseph Inman, L<sup>t</sup> Ebe<sup>r</sup> Edmunds, John Edmunds, John Eddy, John Haskell & Royal Sayles Lieut Tim<sup>o</sup> Foster Senior and M<sup>r</sup> Simeon Wood to be set In the East Ward, and M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Morris's to be set In the Ward by Jon<sup>a</sup> Willard's J<sup>r</sup> Those living in the North East part of the Town not included in this Report to be a Seperate ward by themselves

And as the Situation of the Wards are such we think It Expedient for each and every ward to draw their Own Money

All of which is Humbly Submitted

Jon <sup>a</sup> Willard	} Committee
John Chamberlain	
David Nichols	
John Bracket	
Joseph Kieth	
John Healy	
John Eddy	

Worcester SS. To either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley In Said County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you or either of you are hereby directed forthwith to warn or notify the freeholders & other Inhabitants of town of Dudley duly qualified to vote for a Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth to meet and assemble at the meeting house in S<sup>d</sup> Town on Fryday the Second day of Nov<sup>r</sup> Next at One of The Clock in the afternoon

First to give in their Votes for four persons To Represent the Second District in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Comprehending the Counties of Worcester Hampshire & Berkshire in the Congress of the United States of whom one



at least Shall be an Inhabitant or resident in each of those Counties

2<sup>ly</sup> To Choose a Moderator for the Remainder of Said Meeting

3<sup>ly</sup> For the Town to Pass some Resolution respecting the Bridge over the French river near M<sup>r</sup> Fosters. if they see cause

4<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will grant & Raise money To pay the Rev. Joshua Johnson that becomes due the first of December next

Hereof fail not & make due return of This Warrant with your doings thereon Unto the Selectmen on or before Said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid this Tenth Day of Oct<sup>r</sup> One Thousand Seven hundred & Ninety Two

By order of the Selectmen

John Chamberlain Town Clerk

Worcester SS. Dudley Nov<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1792. In obedience to the within warrant I have Warned The freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley qualified agreeable to the Constitution To vote for a Representative to meet and assemble at time & place within mentioned by Setting up an attested Copy of this warrant at the usual place in Dudley

P<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Day Constable

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley qualified agreeable to the Constitution to vote for a Representative Regularly assembled on Fryday the 2<sup>d</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup>, 1792 at the Close of the poll for the Choice of Federal Representatives the votes were found to be as follows (viz)

For Charles Jarvis Esq <sup>r</sup>	42 Votes for the 3 district
Hon. Theodore Sedwick*	42 D <sup>o</sup> for this district
Jonathan Grout	40 D <sup>o</sup> for the County of Wor
Sam <sup>el</sup> Lyman	42 D <sup>o</sup> for the County of Ham
Thompson J. Skinner	42 D <sup>o</sup> for the County of Berks
James Sullivan	1 D <sup>o</sup> for the 3 districts

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\* Sedgwick. — Ed.

*Dudley Town Records, 1792.*

Artemas Ward	3 D <sup>o</sup> for Worcester Coun
Sam <sup>el</sup> Lyman	1 D <sup>o</sup> for this destrict
Theodore Sedwich	1 D <sup>o</sup> for Berkshire
Will <sup>m</sup> Lyman	1 D <sup>o</sup> for Hampshire

Votes for Electors are as follows (viz)

Hon. Simeon Strong	17 Votes
Thompson I. Skinner	25 Do
Hon. Abel Wilder	17 Votes
Samuel Flagg	25 Votes
Martin Kinsley	25 D <sup>o</sup>
Samuel Fowler	9 D <sup>o</sup>
David Smead Esqr	9 D <sup>o</sup>

2 Voted L<sup>t</sup> John Warren Moderator for the remainder of Said Meeting

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to build the Bridge over the French river By M<sup>r</sup> Fosters and that the Same be Set up at the loest bider for to be built

Conditions of Sale are these

The bridge to be built of good White Oak Timber or Chesnut and to have 5 String pieces Sufficient For such a bridge with good King posts and to be Covered with Plank 14 feet long and 2 inches Thick after Seasoned and to be Completely finished by the Second day of Jan. Next and the money To be paid when the Work is done Col<sup>o</sup> Jonathan Day bidding Nine pound Seventeen Shillings and being the loest bidder It was Struck off to him on the above Conditions

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted not to grant & raise any money to pay The Rev. Joshua Johnson

Meeting disolved.

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Worcester SS. To either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley In the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you or either of you are hereby directed forthwith to warn or notify



the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley duly Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet & Assemble at the Meeting House in Said Town on Wednesday the Twenty Eighth Day of this Instant at one of the Clock in the afternoon Then & there to act upon the following articles (Viz)

First to Choose a Moderator for Said meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will adopt some method with Regard to the Support of the ministry in Said Town and agree on some plan for the payment of the Salery annually due to the Rev. Joshua Johnson Or act upon any matter respecting the Ministerial affairs that will be Conducive of the best and most Lasting hapiness & welfair of Said Town

3<sup>rdly</sup> To Choose a School Committee man in the N. E. Ward

4<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will Set off Jona. Bacon Lem<sup>l</sup> Corbin Jedediah Corbin & Jephthah Bacon to the N. E. Ward In Said Town if they see fitt

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or befor Said day

Dated at Dudley aforesaid this Tenth Day of Nov<sup>r</sup> in the Year of our Lord One Thousand 792

By order of the Selectmen

John Chamberlain Town Clerk

Worcester SS. Nov<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1792. In obedience to the within warrant I have Warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Time & place appointed by Setting up this warrant at the usual place.

pr me Jonathan Day Constable

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At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley Regularly assembled at the meeting-House in Dudley on Wednesday the Twenty Eighth Day of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1792

First voted Col<sup>o</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup> Day Moderator

*Dudley Town Records, 1792-1793.*

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to direct the Assessors to assess all the Persons with their Estates to the Support of the Rev. Joshua Johnson that do actually belong To the Congregationalist and the Said Society (Meaning the Said Congregational Society) to Indemnify the assessors from law Suits if any person or persons bring in Consequence of the ministerial Taxes being made as above mentioned

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted Lieut Joseph Kieth School Committee

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted to pass over the 4<sup>th</sup> Article in the Warrant Meeting Disolved

Worcester SS. to Either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You or either of you are required to warn or notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley duly qualified to vote for a Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth to assemble at the meeting House in S<sup>d</sup> Town on Monday the fourteenth day of this instant at one of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for a Representative that is an Inhabitant in the County of Hampshire and also for another Representative being an Inhabitant in Either of the Counties of Hampshire Worcester or Berkshire which Comprehends the Second Destrict to Represent the said Destrict in the Congress of the United States of America

Hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with Your doings thereon Unto the Selectmen on or before Said Day Dated at Dudley aforesaid This first day of Jan. in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Three

By order of the Selectmen

John Chamberlain Town Clerk

Worcester SS. Dudley Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> 1793 In obedience to the within warrant I have warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley qualified to Vote in Town

affairs by Setting up this warrant at the usual place as the Law directs.

P<sup>r</sup> me      Jonathan Day      Constable

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At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dudley regularly assembled at the meeting House in Dudley on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of Jan. 1793

at the Close of the Poll the Votes were found to be as follows (viz)

Hon. Jonathan Grout Esq <sup>r</sup>	37 Votes District
Sam <sup>el</sup> Lyman	47 Votes for Hamp.
Dwight Foster	9 for the District
Thompson I. Skinner	1 for District

Meeting Desolved

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To the Selectmen of the Town of Dudley      I the Subscriber not having anything for maintainance being under Needy Circumstances humbly request your assistance

	his	Caleb Pond
Dudley April 18 <sup>th</sup> 1793.	Caleb x Pond	Complaint.
Nathan Sly	mark	
Roo <sup>t</sup> Dalrimple		

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March 19<sup>th</sup> 1794      at the request of Two M<sup>r</sup> Howards the Subscribers Selectmen went and Preambulated the Line beginning at a Tree & Stones about where the brook runs out of Chaole M. G. Pond on the East Side of Said brook from thence S. 20° E. to a Maple Tree on the South End of Said pond on the West Side of a Pine Marked on the South Side with 1794 & J. C. frome Thence the Same Course 47 Rods to a Stone Monument a Little S. W. of an old Stack of Chimnies it being the S. E. Corner of Dudly From thence W.

*Dudley Town Records, 1794.*

7° N. bordering on Connecticut Line 252 R. to Capt. J.  
Bates's N. E. Corner of his house

John Chamberlain  
Ezbon Carter  
John Healy



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